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Militant anti-poll tax protesters invited into the Commons



Case for the Commons: Militant supporters (from left) Mr Steve Nally, Mr Dave Nellist, MP, Mr Phil Maxwell and Mr Tommy Sheridan spelling out plans yesterday for mass burnings of poll tax forms in London.

Iraq rejects Hurd visit over Bazoft

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, to fly to Baghdad to ask for clemency for Mr Farzad Bazott, the *Observer* jour-nalist sentenced to death a military court, it i disclosed yesterday.

Iraq rebuffed the offer by saying it "would not be the right time for a visit."

its message was passed to the British Embassy in Baghdad on Wednesday morning, and later the same day the Iraqi news agency said that President Saddam Hussein would not exercise his prerogative of clemency while under

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Mr Saddam, in his first public comment on the death sentence, said Baghdad was its own master and was not afraid of British displeasure

"The English are displeased with us and want the old days Britain's occupation of Iraq early this century and its influence until the Iraqi monarchy was overthrown in

He told farmers: "The Iragis are masters of themselves ... they (Britain) sent us a spy for the English and for the Israelis but your sons arrested him and sentenced him to death. Now they are we do not free him they will do

such and such." Mr Hurd is due to fly to Oman on Saturday to attend a meeting between the European Community foreign ministers and their counter-

parts of the Gulf Co-operation A Foreign Office statement said: "The Foreign Secretary instructed our Embassy in Baghdad on March 12 to make it clear to the Iraqi authorities that since he was going to the EC/GCC meeting in Oman, he would be willing to fly via

Baghdad to discuss the Parish-Bazoft case. On March 13 the Iraqi authorities indicated that this would not be the right time for a visit."

The Foreign Office added that the Iraqi Government made it clear it did not feel able to discuss the case in the present atmosphere. However, Britain does not regard this as a rejection of Mrs dad soon to see her mother. Thatcher's appeal to President Saddam for clemency.

A Foreign Office spokes-man said the Iraqi response implied that the appeal was still being considered, and added that Britain was still waiting for a reply. The Gov-ernment was doing all it could

Iraq has rejected an offer infernational pressure and Mrs Daphne Parish, the nurse by Mr Douglas Hurd, the media attention.

Mrs Daphne Parish, the nurse who was sentenced to 15 years in prison for helping him. It had concentrated its efforts on generating wide internations appeals to Baghdad.

"The international support so far has been heartening. to come back"-a reference to Iraqi Government can be in no doubt about the strength of feeling worldwide about this

> He said that if Mr Hurd's offer had been accepted he would have expected to discuss the issue "at the highest possible level", a reference to the President.

The British Embassy has still not managed to establish where the two prisoners are being held, nor has it gained angry with us and (say) we being held, nor has it gained should free him and tell us if consular access to them. "Our principal objective at this stage is the welfare of the two prisoners," the spokesman said. "We have not ruled out any option in our attempts to

save Mr Bazoft's life." Despite the tough Iraqi attitude the chances that the death sentence will be commuted are thought reasonably good. One possibility is that Baghdad hopes eventually to exchange him for Salim Hassan, an Iraqi serving a life sentence in Britain for the murder of a former Iraqi

Prime Minister. Since Hassan was jailed in 1978, there has always been at least one Briton in prison in

Miss Michelle de Vries, daughter of Mrs Parish, later held talks with Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, who is responsible for the Middle East. She hopes to visit Bagh-Miss de Vries said she was very encouraged" by what

Mr Waldegrave told her. Asked about the refusal of Mr Hurd's offer, she said: "Obviously, I was disap-pointed but it's not the end of the world. The British Gov-



Mr Hunt: Ready to seize a

Hunt is the Secretary

By Robin Oakley Political Editor

Mr David Hunt, the Minister for Local Government who is in the thick of the Government's poll tax troubles, has been appointed to succeed Mr Peter Walker as Secretary of State for Wales.

But Mr Hunt will not take up his new role until late May. leaving him time to carry through the initial stages of 'capping'' community charges.

Meanwhile it emerged last

night that Mrs Thatcher is not planning any further reshuffle of her Cabinet this year. She has lost three senior Ministers - Mr Nigel Lawson, Sir Norman Fowler and Mr Walker - within months.

Mr Hunt had been a strong tip for the Welsh post. Born in Wales but brought up on Merseyside he went to Bristol

University and his constituency of Wirral West is close to North Wales. He was told of his new post on Tuesday

A personal friend of Mr Walker and generally held, like him, to be on the Left of the party, Mr Hunt is a patron of the Tory Reform Group, the main grouping of the Tory

Mr Walker said yesterday "He could not be a better choice and I think he will do a superb job." Mr Hunt said that he was

excited by his new position. "For someone born in Wales ernment was doing all it could ernment have lots of other on behalf of Mr Bazoft and things they could do instead." bition of one's life."

Brooke calls Irish ruling 'an unacceptable slur'

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent, and Robin Oakley, Political Editor

preme Court not to extradite two convicted terrorists to Ulster because they might be assaulted by prison staff, was an "unacceptable slur" on the Northern Ireland Prisons Service, Mr Peter Brooke, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland said yesterday.

Amid a sharp intensification of the row between London and Dublin over the decision handed down on Tuesday, Mr Brooke told the House of Commons he was "deeply disappointed" at the decision not to extradite Dermot Finucane and James

the Irish Foreign Minister, speaking in Strasbourg, reected accusations of a "slur". Backing the judgement, he indicated, in language that will do little to assuage British anger, that if Irish Supreme Court judges found fault with the Northern Ireland Prisons Service, it was up to the authorities in Ulster to put it

Answering an emergency question, Mr Brooke, in his first intervention over the affair, said he found the

A decision by the Irish Su- judges decision that the prob- ment had been discredited by able treatment of the men at the Maze Prison, from which they escaped in 1983, would infringe their rights under the Irish Constitution, "both disturbing and difficult to

the earlier Supreme Court raling on March 1, that the

claim of the Irish Government

to a united ireignd was not an

aspiration but a valid legal claim. Since the British Gov

eroment had not challenged

the lead claim the Supreme

Court was free to argue that it

could not be expected to

extradite prisoners from one

part of its territory to another.

Mr Molyneux and the other

nionist leader, Dr Ian Pais-

ley, are due to meet Mr

Brooke at the Northern Ire-

land Office in London today

possibility of inter-party talks.

Ulster Unionist Party said last

night he felt this would be the

last meeting for a considerable

time. He conveyed the im-

pression that, in his view, the

so-called "Brooke initiative"

Mrs Thatcher is expected to

raise the question with Mr

Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, when he makes his rounds of other

heads of governments before

the European Council on Ger-

man reunification in Dublin

was now doomed.

He went on to defend the prison authorities and to criticize the Supreme Court ge. "It is an unacceptable slur on the professionalism of the men and women of

Conor Cruise O'Brien 12: for a further meeting on the

the Northern Ireland Prisons Service," he said. "I shall be studying the full judgement as soon as it is available and will pay particular attention to the references to Northern Ireland prisons. The conditions in the Maze Prison, indeed throughout the prison system in Northern Ireland, are widely egarded as amongst the best

in Europe." Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionists, said that the Anglo-Irish agree-

Labour MP resigns

Militant supporters behind the wave of anti-poll tax protests around the country were invited in to the House of Commons to hold a press

They threatened "mass burnings" of poll tax payment forms and predicted over 100,000 people on the streets of London at the end of the month in the biggest demonstration yet against the

community charge.
Mr Dave Nellist, the Mili ant-supporting Labour MP, told a Commons press conference that the demonstration in London on March 31, and another in Glasgow, had been called to build a mass

campaign of non-payment.

The number of Labour MPs backing the campaign was reduced by one yesterday when Mr Dick Douglas, the MP for Dunfermline West who is refusing to pay his poll tax, formally resigned the

Labour whip.
Four MPs, including Mr Douglas, attended yesterday's press conference to pledge their continuing support for a campaign of civil disobedi-ence. All were careful to condemn violence.

At another press conference in Bristol, Mr Robin Clapp, Militant's south-west orstreets of England, Wales and Scotland, the like of which has never been seen before". He said the fury would be

in Loudon, Mr Tommy Sheridan, the Militant exand who is chairman of the All Britain Anti-Poli Tax Federa tion, said that 38 buses had been booked to bring protesters from Bristol, where there were violent incidents

Mr Steve Nally, the Militan supporter who is secretary of the federation, said that once poll tax payment books arrived in April, the campaign would be organizing "mass burnings" of poil tax payment

The press conference was immediately condemned by Mr David Alton, the Liberal Democrat MP for Liverpool Mossley. "It must be wrong that facilities in the mother of Parliaments should be made available for people to call for the law to be broken"

Gorbachov nearly loses crucial vote

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

last night elected the first executive President of the Soviet Union after a day of high passion and vicious politics in which he nearly lost a crucial vote and his Prime Minister threatened to resign.

Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the of involvement in a corrup-Prime Minister, was one of tion scandal in which a recent only two other candidates to model of a tank was sold be nominated - the second was Mr Vadim Bakatin, the Interior Minister - but both withdrew, leaving Mr Gorbachov the sole contender for the new and powerful post.

Despite intensive lobbying, Mr Gorbachov barely mustered the majority necessary to hold the presidential election at all. Many in the Congress of People's Deputies argued strongly in favour of nationwide direct elections for the presidency, rather than election by the Congress. Mr Gorbachov achieved the vital

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov was two-thirds by a margin of last night elected the first fewer than 50 votes. Exploiting divisions in the radical inter-regional group of Deputies, Mr Gorbachov permitted one of their leaders, Mr Anatoli Sobchak, to speak. Mr Sobchak accused Mr Ryzhkov

> to foreign customers. Mr Sobchak said he had seen Mr Ryzhkov's signature on a document authorizing the establishment of the

through a cooperative venture

As soon as Mr Sobchak had finished, Mr Ryzhkov sprang from his seat and rushed to the platform to defend himself. His voice breaking with anger, he admitted to signing the document as Prime Minister as he signed all such documents — but denied any Continued on page 24, col 7

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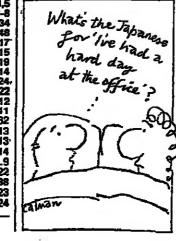
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Japan rallies husbands to the birth rate's cause births spell economic disaster, since From Joe Joseph



Having failed, with winks and nudges, to persuade Japanese men to relax a little and spend more time with their families, the Government has appealed to patriotism by warning them that, unless they go home earlier and do something about the falling birth rate, the country will soon go the way of ancient Rome.

Somewhere else, so earnest a plea might have raised at least a smile.

In Japan it is met with the same serious faces that might greet news that Europeans had suddenly lost their taste for Japanese cars. After 18 months of grappling with what it calls a "quiet crisis", a Health and Welfare Ministry advisory panel has concluded that fewer there will be fewer taxpayers to meet the costs of caring for an already fast-ageing

The panel, in an apocalyptic mood, says: "Just as was the case in the last days of ancient Rome, the decrease in the number of children is a sign of a declining civilization." It even warns that if things go on as they are, the Japanese race will be wiped out in a millennium. millennium. Nobody ever accused the nation of thinking short-term.

History is not on the Government's side. There is little to suggest that the nation's corporate warriors will change their habits and suddenly take their full two-week holiday allowance every year, leave their offices earlier, or cut short after-hours drinking with colleagues.

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Just over a year ago, the Government floated the idea of a new legal holiday to be called Conjugal Day, when husbands would take their wives out for a treat and enjoy the benefits of living in one of the world's richest countries.

The idea fell on deaf ears. Many wives who have grown used to seeing their husbands on Sundays only complained that their spouses just mess up the house when they are at home.

The low birth rate was a theme that laced many speeches of Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Prime Minister, last month as he campaigned for the re-election of the Liberal Democrats, although he directed his efforts to outlining the problem only 1.66 children per Japanese woman compared with 2.13 two decades ago jather than prescribing a solution.

NEWS ROUNDUP

NHS cash faces greater scrutiny

The Government last night made a key concession to mission to be given greater powers to investigate waste and inefficiency in the NHS (Nicholas Wood writes).

Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State for Health, accepted an amendment to the NHS Bill extending the scope of the value-for-money watchdog in the £28 billion-a-year bealth service.

As drafted, the Bill gave the Audit Commission only limited powers to carry out the same kind of investigations in the NHS as it does in local government. Its remit extended merely to the activities of health bodies and it was forbidden to scrutinize the impact of ministerial directives

But after a backbench campaign led by Mr Andrew Mitchell, Conservative MP for Gedling, and a self-confessed "fan" of the Audit Commission, Mr Freeman gave ground last night by bringing such directives and guidance within

Solicitors' pay vote

Solicitors' leaders will vote at their council meeting today on whether or not to take the Lord Chancellor to court over his decision to increase rates of pay for legal aid by 7.5 per cent (Frances Gibb writes). The Law Society has sought the opinion of leading counsel on whether legal proceedings challenging the legality of the basis for the Lord Chancellor's decision would succeed. Solicitors have submitted a pay claim for 21 per cent and are angry that legal aid rates from criminal and matrimonial work will rise only 7.5 per cent

Monopoly ruling

The Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, is to examine the legality of government proposals in the broadcasting Bill for removing the monopoly of advance television listings from TV Times and the Radio Times (Sheila Gunn writes). If he rules that the legislation is hybrid, which means it involves a mixture of public and private interests, it would have to be withdrawn from Parliament. The Labour MP Mr Norman Buchan has been pursuing a campaign against the proposals.

Baby gets adult liver

A baby boy was recovering yesterday after receiving part of an adult liver in a transplant operation. Jonathan South, aged nine months, from York, was "critical but stable" in intensive care at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham (Thomson Prentice writes). The donor liver, from a young Irishwoman killed in a road accident, was cut down and grafted in a nine-hour operation. The surgery was performed after an appeal throughout Europe for a donor.

Soviet chess draw

The Soviet Union drew in its chess games with Nordic countries but kept a narrow lead over the United States and Britain after the fourth round of a team tournament (Reuter reports from Reykjavik). Britain took early command in its match against the US but the Americans showed resilience to win the three longest games and kept the loss to a minimum. Standings after four rounds were: Soviet Union, 22½ points; United States, 21; Britain, 20; Nordic, 16½.

Police simulate crash

An emergency exercise that envisaged a passenger aircraft crashing on the M6 was launched yesterday in Warwick to test a new emergency telephone network that would help the police to cope with calls from the public after a disaster (Craig Seton writes). Exercise "Police-Link" was designed to simulate the kind of difficulties experienced by the police and the emergency services during the Lockerbie disaster in December 1988.

Lawyers rule out politics in extradition ruling

By Edward German

The five Irish Supreme Court judges who refused to extradite two convicted terrorists to Northern Ireland are among Ireland's most distinguished and respected lawyers.

Despite the diplomatic furore which their decision on Tuesday provoked, most lawyers in Dublin yesterday backed their ruling, dismissing claims that it was in any way influenced by political factors.

One experienced Dublin barrister said that while each of the five judges would have had some kind of political association at some stage in their careers, it would be quite

cisions were weighted. Uppermost in the judges' minds in reaching their decision, he believed, was the overriding need to defend an individual's rights under Ireland's written constitution...

Chief Justice Thomas Finlay was MP for the present Opposition Fine Gael party in the mid-1950s. Colleagues describe him as "very solid" - a no-nonsense conservative with a tendency towards the establishment and with a record of achievement as an advocate before being named a High Court judge in 1971.

Chief Justice Finlay defended Captain James Kelly in the sensa-tional arms trial of 1970 when Kelly was among four people, including Mr Charles Haughey, now Prime Minister, cleared on charges connected with gun-running for the

He represented the Irish Government at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg in January 1978 when Britain was found guilty of inhuman and degrading treatment of prisoners in Northern Ireland. In 1988, he ordered the extradition of Robert Russell who, like Dermot Finucane and James Pins Clarke, escaped from the Maze in September 1983.

Mr Justice Brian Walsh is re-garded as one of Ireland's leading liberals in the judiciary. He was the

youngest Supreme Court judge at his appointment in 1961. A keen golfer, he has pioneered the establishment of many constitutional rights. He is to retire next week.

Mr Justice Anthony Hedarman Mr Justice Anthony Hedarman was attorney-general between 1977 and 1981. Lawyers regard him as possessing a "fiercely independent" legal brain. He led an extensive "heavyweight" legal practice before being appointed to the beach.

Mr Justice Hedarman is a sup porter of Mr Hanghey's Fianna Fail party and was at one time its honorary treasurer. He was ap-pointed to the Supreme Court in 1981 on the advice of the then Haughey government. Mr Justice

Frank Griffin, who took a slightly different view to that of his four colleagues on the decision not to follow a precedent set in an earlier extradition case, was one of the judges who approved the extra-dition of Dominic McGlinchy in 1983 — the first terrorist to be extradited to Ulster. Mr Justice Grif-fin has see in most of Insland's fin has sat in most of Ireland's milestone cases in recent years including those deciding on marital privacy and homosexuality.

Mr Justice Niall McCarthy led the legal team defending Mr Haughey during the arms trial. He is considered a formidable intellect with a passionate sense of justice. Leading article, page 13

Harmful pay round ahead as unions try for 10%-plus

key workers start a new round of pay campaigns.

Three groups - railmen, power workers and telecom managers - are pressing de-mands which seek to emulate the 10.2 per cent wage deal for Ford's 32,000 manual staff settled in January. The Government feared then it would spark a pay round of difficult

However, union leaders said last night that it was inflation, higher mortgage repayments and the poll tax which were fuelling their

The most damaging action could be in the railways, where leaders of 100,000 workers offer from British Rail, saying that it was not close enough to their demands for "substantial" rises, probably near to the Ford deal. Nearly 76,000 power work-

ers are to be balloted on strike action after their pay offer was raised to 8.5 per cent. They could be in dispute early next

About 29,000 junior and try to force the company to down yesterday.

Britain could face a summer scrap plans for wide-ranging of industrial discontent as pay restructuring and the lack unions representing 200,000 of a pay offer.

Rail unions will study the terms of their offer over the next two days, but already it seems the industry could face strikes similar to last year's. Mr Richard Rosser, general

secretary of the Transport and Salaried Staffs Association, said after the talks in London: "The 8 per cent offer from the British Rail Board is hardly one to excite and once again is below the level of the fare increases the Government and the BRB felt justified in inflicting on the travelling public last month."

Meanwhile, negotiators have asked the executive of the EETPU electrical union to start balloting its 40,000 memrejected the 8 per cent first bers in the electricity industry on industrial action. Unions representing another 30,000 workers are expected to

Ambulance crews in London were again threatening industrial action after a row over money paid during the dispute. Mr Stewart Barber, a National Union of Public Employees official, said managers claimed some middle managers at British crews were overpaid by up to Telecom have voted for a £500 while suspended. Talks campaign of one-day strikes to between the two sides broke

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Initiative to revive rural England



Mr Mark Boddington, farthe village of Aldford, Cheshire, one of the rural enterprises launched by Business in the Community's Rural Enterprise Target Team.

The chairman, the Duke of Westminster, said yesterday that an estimated 500,000 redundant agricultural build-ings could be imaginatively used as new business premises (Charles Knevitt writes). They could be the key to the fature viability of rural communities in Britain.

"The benefits of conversions of this kind, not only to the

are many. Both landown having to look at other sources of revenue and here is a means of deriving a new income by converting a wasting asset into a working asset," the Duke said when he launched a video and handbook aimed at rural land bolders in London.

The duke said that new and growing businesses would gain access to reasonably-priced accommodation and local communities would benefit from increased employment opportunities. Last year, 14,000 jobs were

engineering business; a tra-ditional square of former agri-cultural buildings houses a firm of architects; and a substantial cowshed is being

lost in agriculture, he said. turned late offices for a firm of The rural population, which comprised 20 per cent of the geantity surveyors. Also on his estate are offices population in Britain, and which included many elderly people, could be kept alive by and manufacturing businesses, which contribute to a total

of 18 new firms employing almost 140 staff. All of this has been created in a conservation area and all the buildings are listed either Grade I or Grade II.

We should "build on the past in creating the future".

Details of the Changing Spaces initiative are obtainable from: Business in the Community, 227a City Road, London ECIV ILX. Telephone 01-253 3716.

True costs of poll tax for poor 'are hidden'

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

The Government was accused battles with local government institutions incurred in debt last night of hiding the true of any party." costs of the community charge for the poorest sections of

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's social security spokesman, predicted that nearly all the 4,600,000 people receiving income support payments will be worse off under the new tax.

Some couples, he said, would lose more than £160 a year because of the gap between income support payments and rebates under the poll tax. The only exception would be residents of the London borough of Wandsworth and single adults in Montgomeryshire.

Mr Meacher accused the Government of a series of "fiddles" by refusing to compensate fully local authorities which have set their poll tax above the target set.

people on the poverty line should not be treated as pawns in the Government's political cover obligations to financial outstanding amounts.

ments have been called on to

mount a legal challenge to a

Cornish pensioner who has

become a millionaire with a

scheme to help people beat the poll tax (Michael Horsnell

Mr Fred Trull, aged 65,

claims that under a Royal Charter granted by Henry VII

in 1508, a tin miner or anyone

with a financial stake in a Cornish tin mine is not liable

He said: "The steady extortion of money from the poorest in society to subsidize the

cost of the poll tax is the most

repulsive aspect of this repulsive tax. "Not only has the Government broken its word to claimants, by making even those in low-spending authorities pay, but the amounts involved are massive for families who are trying to survive

on a few pounds a week." • The London borough of Brent, in north-west London, and a number of other councils, have gambled heavily on the outcome of further legal action in the Hammersmith

"Labour has argued that £180 higher if the Labour- decided against. If debt swaps controlled council had maintained the fund it had set up to

Exemption challenge to tax

Three government depart- result has been a flood of not registered under the Com-

mining concern, the dormant

West Wheal Towan Tin Mine

applications have been re-

ceived from potential tinners

rushing to pay £1 per share

Yesterday, the Department

of Trade and Industry was

plus 50p for administration.

So far, over 1,250,000 business.

Cost Book Company.

applications for shares in his panies Act 1985 and that he is

planning to seek a High Court community charge exemp-injunction to stop Mr Trull, tions and Cornish tin miners

swap deals. The Court of Appeal ruled recently that the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham acted illegally in amassing a huge portfolio of debt swap deals but that such deals could be legal if they were part of a council's financial house-keeping rather than a deliberate attempt to play

The District Auditor is considering an appeal to the House of Lords and until the Hammersmith case is over it is unclear whether other councils acted within their legal powers in swaps deals.

It is understood that Brent has outstanding obligations totalling £33 million which swaps case in a desperate might have to be repaid if the effort to keep their poll tax courts finally ruled debt is wap levels down (David Walker deals were legal. It sought the deals were legal. It sought the advice of lawyers on whether Brent's poll tax, £498 a it needs to cover this amount head, would have been nearly in its budget for 1990-91 and are legal, poli tax payers in

not a person authorized under

the Financial Services Act

1986 to conduct investment

Home Office lawyers em-

phasize the sovereignty of Parliament, and a spokesman

for the Department of the En-

vironment, commented: "We

have published our list of

Mid-Staffordshire by-election

Heseltine in campaign bid to woo Tory voters

A Labour victory in the mid- Labour's lead would have lent on the arrival of Mr Staffordshire by-election begun to erode. In an attempt Heseltine in the constituency, would signal to the world that Britain had lost its nerve, Mr Conservative Party officials Michael Heseltine told a are talking up the prospects of nacked meeting of Conservative Party workers last night.

Mr Heseltine, who received rapturous reception, said that if Labour won, the signal to the world would be that Britain had given up the battle to make itself world competitive.

"The greater the prospect of a Labour government, the less people expect government to keep its nerve," he said.

Mr Heseltine, drafted into the constituency to help Tories hold a seat they are in danger of losing, said voting in the constituency would show that Britain would triumph in its search for free enterprise and prosperity.

The two leading candidates in the Mid-Staffordshire byelection were able to reach tacit agreement on one issue yesterday. Each was unwilling to draw attention to the findings of the latest local opinion poll giving Labour an increased lead of 12 points.

The poll, in the Birmingham Post, showed that, in one week, Labour had increased its lead by one point to 50, the Conservatives had dropped three points to 38, the Greens and the Social Democrats had stayed on four points each, the Liberal Democrats had increased one point to three, with the Independents

on one. The poll of 621 adults, carried out on Monday, made To the circus: a lamppost in gloomy reading for the Con-Lichfield covered in posters. servatives, who had hoped gloomy reading for the Con-

to split the opposition vote,

the Liberal Democrats. Showing unusual interest in a revival of the third party in British politics, the Conservatives claimed to detect growing support for the party, muttering in sorrow at the

could help speed the recovery of the Liberal Democrats. "I'm beginning to realize seven days is a long time in politics," Mr Charles Prior,

absence of any supporters of Mr Paddy Ashdown who

Labour has moved 21 points ahead of the Conservatives, its biggest lead for 20 years, according to an ICM poll for The Guardian. Labour scored 52 per cent (ap one) and the Con-servatives 31 per cent (down 5)

the Conservative candidate said, adapting Mr Harold Wilson's famous phrase. "This opinion poll figure does not mirror what is

happening on the doorstep. People are registering what an important by-election it is and they want to send a clear sign to the rest of Europe and the rest of the country that mid-Staffordshire is not moving for Labour. I'm staggered by the opinion poll."

As the Conservatives focused their attack on Mrs Sylvia Heal, the Labour candidate. Mr Prior said the first week of the campaign had been dominated by "disenchantment" with the poll tax.

which could put the issue of the Conservative Party leadership on the agenda. Mr Prior said anti-poll tax protesters in Rugeley last night should have directed their protest to Cannock, the seat of the council that set the charge.

preventing the drift away of

young people to cities through creating businesses opportu-

his own estate, a redundan

school now comprises the

offices of a thriving civil

At Eaton Hall, Cheshire,

Mr Michael Howard, Secretary of State for Employment, returned to the real target, alleging that Mrs Heal had taken a "Trappist vow of silence" on Labour policies throughout the campaign. Labour was clearly ready for

the attack and for once their candidate moved away from a prepared script to answer that she was neither excited or over despondent" about the opinion poll findings.

She said Mr Ashdown had been offensive to many women in the constituency by accusing her of being a Barbie woman". She said: "There is no way if I had been a 48-year-old man they would have made those extremely chauvinistic remarks."

Canvassing in Handsaker, Mrs Heal gave detailed explanations of Labour's proposals to replace the poll tax. Her opposition to hanging had a woman thinking of switching her vote. "If you don't ask the questions you don't know where they stand," the woman said. "I'm going to tell you who is going to win and it's that lady there," she said, pointing at Mrs Heal.

1987 general election: J Heddle (C) 28,644; C St Hill (Lab), 13,990; T Jones (L/AII), 13,114; J Bazeley (Independent C) 836. Cons majority: 14,654.

Mates is backed over PR link

By Sheila Gunn Political Reporter

Mr Michael Mates, Conservative MP for Hampshire East and chairman of the Commons defence select committee, won the backing of the committee yesterday after disclosures about his links with a company lobbying for defence contracts.

Mr Mates was called to justify his business interests to the committee after a complaint by Mr Dick Douglas, Labour MP for Dunfermline West and a fellow committee member.

In a closed session yesterday Mr Douglas challenged Mr Mates's links with SGL De-fence, part of the PR firm SGL communications. The com-pany advises defence equipment manufacturers on how best to promote their products to the Ministry of Defence.

When Mr Mates received backing from the majority of the committee, Mr Douglas walked out.

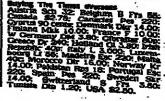
After the meeting Mr Doug-las said: "I made indelibly clear to the defence committee that there is no way I would be party to a committee with Mr Mates in the chair. But I have not resigned from the

Committee."
A spokesman for Mr Mates said Mr Douglas's complaint was unanimously rejected by all members of the committee. However, the committee did agree to ask the Commons select committee on members' interests to clarify the rules governing the declaration of interests by select committee members and chairmen.

The members' interests committee is already investigating ways of tightening the rules on the register of members' business interests.

The SGL company brochure lists Mr Mates as a director. However, it has been emphasized that he is not a

director, but a "consultant". Mr Mates has insisted throughout that there was no conflict of interests between his consultancy and his post as chairman of the committee.



for English tolls and taxes. The claiming that his company is are not on it." Elderly face eviction over low income support, charity says

By Jill Sherman

Social Services Correspondent Elderly people risk being evicted from residential homes this month as a result of the Government's failure to match income support levels to the charges levied by home owners, Age Concern said

vesterday. After the Government's defeat in the House of Commons on Tuesday night, the charity is now one of many groups urging ministers to act swiftly to prevent "a critical situation becoming a crisis".

Miss Sally Greengross, director of Age Concern, said yesterday that will have to leave by Tuesday if

hundreds of elderly people were now facing a hopeless situation having exhausted all possible

sources of finance. The organization has received many letters from the elderly and their families saying that they risk being evicted from private homes unless they can meet the bills. Owners have told relatives that it is up to them to make up the

In a few cases residents have been moved to less suitable local authority accommodation. At least one home in Maidstone, Kent, has told residents that they they cannot pay the charges, Miss Greengross said. "We are expecting similar cases in the next few weeks," she said.

The dispute in the Commons reflects growing concern from both private home owners and groups representing residents over the last 12 months. Although new laws under the community health reforms will protect people going into residential homes in the future local authorities will now have a responsibility to negotiate fees they do not cover those already in

The Government has no commitment to keeping income support in line with inflation, but residential home charges have risen far more than that rate.

The owners of residential homes say they risk going out of business if they keep charges down to the maximum levels which the Goverament has set for various groups of residential clients. They claim they cannot provide adequate care within these limits.

Last night the Independent Hospital's Association, which represents a number of homes, said it had identified a shortfall of £100 per week for a patient on income support receiving care in a nursing homes."We will be looking to

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ministers to make up the difference in an increase of income support limits," it said.

A study by the association showed that operating costs for each resident in a small nursing home was £248 a week — £293 when depreciation and interest payments were added.

The Government has set a weekly limit of £140 for each person in residential homes and £190 for those in nursing homes. Elderly people who are very dependent are entitled to £155 and up to £23 extra is paid to residents in-London homes. However, a recent report from the all-party social

that the average shortfall for elderly people in homes was £30. The National Care Homes Association has estimated that it

services select committee suggested

costs a pensioner £170 a week for residential care, and a survey found that income support could only meet the fees in seven out of 132 private and voluntary homes in London. Figures from the Department of Social Security show that 176,000 people now receive income support in private residential and nursing homes, although there are no figures on how many homes: charge over the limits.

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City fraud trial

Brokers swindled fortune from 'oik' clients, court told

the Central Criminal Court

was told yesterday.

Some clients of the broking company DPR Futures lost fortunes running into six fig-ures, while the directors of the company lived a life of luxury, it was alleged.

Two directors, Andrew Page, aged 31, and David Rycott, 25, voted themselves annual salaries of just under £1 million. Another, Marcus Deller, agod 28, left the company within a year with a golden handshake of

Mr Edmund Lawson, QC, for the prosecution, told the jury: "This case involves the ruthless and dishonest exploitation by these defendants of investors in the futures marhet. It is a case of depriving people, rich and not so rich, of their money by deceit, exag-geration, and instantly forgettable half truths."

He said: "They created a mirage of expertise, potential profit, and a selfless desire to serve the interests of their clients. When the mists of these representations blew £1,500 life savings from a gway and the reality became pensioner, he said.

Clear, nearly all the clients Mr Rycott, Mr Lawson taken in lost some or all of alleged, had told staff. "Any-

Deller, of Fulham, west London, David Rycott, of Woldingham, Surrey, his brother Ian Rycott, of Batter-sea, south London, and An-drew Page, of Tadworth, Surrey, all denied conspiracy to obtain property by deception, conspiracy to defraud, and fraudulent trading.

Mr Lawson said that investors in DPR stood at least a 60 per cent chance of losing at least three-quarters of their money. He told the jury, who

Four City brokers cheated the aid of six computer termi-investors they called "oiks" of nals and a glossary of City soft old man who I don't think millions of pounds, a jury at jargon, that City fraudsters were no different from com-

"A cheat is still a cheat no matter how he dresses up his business. A white-collar swindler is as subject to the law as a five-card trick conman."

The company, Mr Lawson said, had appointed telephone salesmen to persuade members of the public to part with their money. They advertised with the slogan "Opportunity Unlimited" and encouraged investors to hand over their

The company took a substantial commission "up front" claiming they were taking on an enormous risk. In fact, the directors, ensured that there could be no risk to the company whatsoever, the court was told. Mr Lawson said: "There

could only be one winner.
That winner was DPR." The accused were unconcerned from whom they got the money, provided they got it - whether it was got it - whether it was £100,000 or more from a successful businessman or £1,500 life savings from a

one stupid enough to send anyone money on the strength of a telephone call deserves to lose it." He is also alleged to have told account executives: "Never mind whether they win or lose, just keep the money coming in."

One member of staff, speaking about a client, commented: "Go easy, Make him some money, then get the bastard for £100,000. He is

Another customer, a retired primary school headmaster who lost £1,500, was described

form concerning another investor said: "Nice chap, could be big, big loser," Mr Lawson told the jury.

Staff were selected and promoted according to their abil-ity to talk clients into parting with their money, the court was told. One such accounts executive earned £80,000 commission in seven months. He was also given a Porsche car which had been pictured in

DPR's literature for investors. Underneath the picture of the car were the words: "Rewards can be greater and faster than any other form of financial speculation". investors would be en-

couraged to part with their money immediately in order to cash in on good invest-ments. Salesmen often per-suaded clients to send the cash by courier or telegraphic bank transfer. The company in-structed their brokers to close any contract as soon as itmade a profit of 30 per cent. This enabled them to go

back to the client and persuade him to take out another contract involving more A contract would also be closed as soon as the initial

That meant that DPR was not at risk in any way, though it demanded large payments of commission in advance on the claim that it was running enormous risks itself.

The company's activities represented the dishonest face of the City of London where, despite a few notorious exceptions, there was still a reputation founded upon trust, Mr Lawson said The trial continues today.

Smokers take it all lying down

Almost half the nation's smokers made an earnest endeavour to give up smoking yesterday, though some found they could not face the effort without the

It was the seventh annual "No Smoking Day", and the organizers were hopeful that they had improved on last year's results, when an esti-mated 2.7 million smokers gave up for the day and 50,000 were able to do so for good.

As in previous years, the Health Education Authority, the anti-smoking lobby group ASH, the British Heart Foundation and other health organizations set up temporary shop in Covent Garden with a variety of incentives intended to carb other people's smoking.

There were Caribbean bolidays to be won by those who would take the pledge. Cigarette puffers were offered dummy cigarettes or a polythese bag of ash and cigarette butts to saift, while Geest, the fruit importers, were offering to swap a hanana for a

Suzanne Dando, the television personality and former gymnast, let people stroke her dog if they did not smoke, while professional counsellors were on hand to give people advice on how to stop smeking, and to administer carbon monoxide tests as one form of

One book being distributed, entitled 50 Ways to Stop Smoking, included among its to acupuncture, sucking Fish-erman's Friends non-stop for two months, taking up knitting, and concentrating on

smokers' rights group, hit back by picketing the headquarters of National No Smoking Day's principal

It was, though, a day on which the anti-smoking lobby made tangible advances. Smoking was banned from yesterday on Chesterfield's 130 public buses and at meetings of Cambridge council.

There appeared to be fewer

advances, tangible or other-



Mr Paul McKenna, a hypnotist, trying to help smokers kick the habit through hypnosis at a session in the Cockney Music Hall on Tottenham Court Road, central London, yesterday.

But then smoking at West-inster is not restricted to the

smoking room. In fact, it is only the chambers of the two Houses themselves which are entirely smoke-free zones. Nevertheless, "No Smoking Day" could claim at least one

the smoking room set aside for MPs and peers was not noticeably less busy than usual.

But then smoking at West
But then smoking at West-Industry, who is on a trade mission to eastern Europe, and there, no doubt, enjoying a

> The Cabinet's other noted smoker, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, was up all night for the NHS Bill and coffee and cigarettes

etiquette meant that after the all-night sitting, Wednesday did not formally start until 2.30pm, MPs could happily puff away all morning, safe in the knowledge that it was not "
No Smoking Day" at all but
still, within the precincts of
Westminster at least, the day

Teacher sues over corridor collision

An art teacher who gave up her job after she was injured by boys running in a corridor began a High Court claim for damages yesterday (Michael Horsnell writes). Miss Kate Edge, of West

Kensington, claims the Inner London Education Authority is responsible for the accident at St George's Roman Catholic Secondary School, Maida Vale, north London, in Octo-ber 1987. If liability is proved, another hearing will assess compensation.

As the form mistress rounded the corner of a corridor a gang of about 25 boys aged 13 and 14 came running towards her. "She was pushed to the ground, kicked and trampled on," Mr John Lyons, her counsel, told Judge White. Miss Edge was critical of "the lack of co-operation in reinforcing school rules".

Ilea, which is responsible

for the school, denies negligence and breach of statutory duty. The case continues.

● A Home Counties comprehensive school is to offer its pupils a full cooked breakfast in an effort to keep them alert throughout the school day and improve behaviour in the classroom (Douglas

Broom writes).
Senior staff at Park House
School, Newbury, Berkshire, have written to parents invit-ing them to send their children early to school for a meal of sausage, bacon and eggs.

The meal, which costs 50p a head, will be served by school catering staff in the dining hall at 8.30am.

 A scheme to provide 250 flats and houses for teachers in London was approved yes-terday by Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

PORTFOLIO

There were no winners of yesterday's £6,000 prize in the Portfolio Platinum competition. Today's prize money will be £8,000.

Surrogacy 'should be a last resort' for infertile couples

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Suffogacy arrangements should be considered only as a last resort to belp infertile couples have a baby, the British Medical Association (BMA) said yesterday.

In a report containing a list of guidelines, the association offers advice to doctors and their patients, but warns of the many potential problems surrogacy poses for the child, the surrogate mother, and ing parents.

The report is the result of an investigation lasting almost two years by a BMA working party into the legal, ethical and social issues surrounding

in 1987, the association's annual representative adopted a motion that doctors should not participate in any surrogacy arrangements until there were appropriate ethical saleguards and controls.

The working party has concloded that it would not be recognized disorder, and possible or desirable to prevest the involvement of doctors, especially as the Govemment does not intend to been tried, and have failed." make the practice illegal.

Pauline Bousquet, aged 64, whose boss offered her services to other health authorities because she was "surplus to requirements", was appealing at Ebury Bridge Road industrial tribunal against being made redundant in May 1987 by City and Hackney Health Authority. The hearing continues.

titioners regard these as so great that they would not wish to take part in the initiation of any surrogate pregnancy," the ZVEZ TIOUTH "If they take that view, it

would not be unethical for them to refuse ... Their only ethical obligation is to refer the patient to someone else." The report adds: "Surrogacy

should only be considered as a last resort where the commissioning couple suffers from infertility due to a medically where all the other appropriate means for enabling them to have a child have Among the potential prob-

unenforceable in law, and says might decide to keep the child; doctors would not be acting the commissioning parents unethically if they refused to might refuse to take it, if, for take part in such a procedure. example, it was born with a handicap; the surrogate "Surrogacy represents many difficult problems. Some prac- mother could suffer a severe reaction similar to bereavement after giving away the child; and her other children

> sibling was given away. "It would be unethical for a practitioner to take part in the initiation of a successite presnancy if he or she had not first satisfied himself that the level of all the foreseeable risks was acceptable to all the parties

might suffer severe distur-

bances when a newly arrived

involved," the guidelines say. Dr Vivienne Nathanson, secretary of the working party, said infertility centres providing in-vitro fertilization (IVF) surrogate births but were uncertain about how they should It points out, however, that lems arising from surrogacy respond. The guidelines could expeed, surrogacy arrangements are are that the surrogate mother help them to deal with papelicy.

A consultant gymecologist accessed of incompetence in a row tients' requests. She said a over natural childbirth waited years before finding there would condition of surrogacy the child was legally adopted. In a case recently publi-

cized, a commissioning couple are fighting in court to be seen as the legal parents of twins born to a surrogate mother without going through the process of adoption.

They claim that they are the enetic parents of the children, because the pregnancies resulted from IVF treatment in which the husband's sperm was used to fertilize the wife's eggs. The embryos were then implanted in the surrogate mother. Dr Nathanson said that if the Human Embryology and Fertilization Bill, now before the House of Commons, became law, such a claim would fail.

Commercial surrogacy agencies were outlawed in Britain in 1985, but the BMA guidelines say that it is not illegal for a surrogate mother to be paid by a commissioning

The report is to be submitwere being asked to help in ted to the BMA's annual representative meeting in Bournemouth in June. If accepted, it then becomes BMA

Landmark euthanasia case may not go on

Legal Affairs Correspondent

What could have been a testcase on "mercy-killing" by doctors may be abandoned because the Crown Prosecution Service is considering withdrawing charges against a hospital doctor accused of murdering a terminally-ill

Dr Thomas Lodwig, aged 28, will appear at the Central Criminal Court today accused of the "mercy-killing" of a cancer patient, Mr Roy Spratley.

The policy of the British Medical Association is that "active euthanasia" should remain a crime. However, it says that in clinical practice there are "many cases where it is right that a doctor should accede to a request not to prolong the life of a patient". The doctor, formerly senior

house officer at Minster Ward at Battle Hospital, Reading, Berkshire, appeared before magistrates in the town early last year charged with the murder of Mr Spratley, a lorry driver who lived at Patten Ash Drive, Wokingham, Berk-

Dr Lodwig's solicitor suc-cessfully applied for reporting

was a young doctor of "exem-plary character". "This is a case which involves very difficult moral and ethical problems as to the treatment of the terminally ill and what is proper to do to relieve the pain, fear and suffering."

The Guinness trial

Director 'knew nothing' of success fee payout

easy to talk to and ready and

willing to discuss any points

He had originally opposed

the takeover, feeling it was

A man of charm,

moderation and

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wrong to attempt a takeover of

He was also concerned that

Guinness should not move

into the spirits business.

because "there was a cam-

paign against spirits on puri-

He knew nothing about

indemnities to supporters who

bought Guinness shares to

boost their value during the

takeover or the payment of success fees to outside helpers.

"I would have regarded that

He agreed he had heard of

one of the share purchases by

an Austrian bank, Zen-

He was a friend of the

bank's London representative,

Mr Horst Tiefenthaler, whom

he met at a party and was told

that his bank was buying shares in the company. He had

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a larger company.

tanical grounds".

as improper," he said.

zial, from Vienna.

A leading member of the motivating force" was the best Guinness family described yesterday how he had stood by interests of the company. Ernest Saunders, the compahad "lightened the atny's former chairman, right until the last moment.

Mr Jonathan Guinness, a merchant banker and a nonexecutive director of the brewing group from 1961 to 1988. told the Guinness trial at Southwark Crown Court in London that he believed Mr Saunders had been a good choice for the company when he joined in 1981.

He said the company was under siege at the time and added: "I had the highest regard for his integrity." He said that he changed allegiance only when it was obvious the rest of the executive directors thought Mr

Saunders should go. That was at a board meeting on January 14, 1987, six weeks after the Department of Trade and Industry began an investigation into the Guinness takeover of Distillers, the Scottish drinks group.

"The important thing was keeping the organization to-gether," he said. "When the executive directors switched I decided to change." The court has already been

told that the board meeting reversed a decision to help Mr Saunders prepare his case for the DTI investigation and to continue his salary. Mr Saunders and three oth-

ers deny 24 counts of theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act arising out of the takeover in 1986. With him in court are Gerald Ronson, the chairman of the Heron International group of companies, Anthony Parnes, a stockbroker, and Jack Lyons, the financier. Cross-examined by Mr Rich-

"I was interested in what was happening. It was a He agreed that Mr Sauchance window into the way nders's arrival at Guinness things worked. "I had no apprehension just

mosphere" and had created a considerable interest." new openness on the board. Mr Guinness said he had He was the best managing also opposed an investment director since the 1950s; a man of charm, moderation, by Guinness in a securities firm run by Mr Ivan Boesky, and reasonableness who was the disgraced American

US for insider dealing. Mr Guinness might raise. He said that he believed the Earlier Mr Guinness had investment was of "doubtful said he was not fully informed relevance" to the main busiabout the takeover but did not ness interests of Guinness. expect to be so in his position. "I felt no apprehension," he

His attempt to discuss it with Mr Saunders was referred to another director, the American lawyer, Mr Thomas Ward, who showed him the paper work on the deal.

arbitrageur, convicted in the

"I was not satisfied at all. It seemed to me most of the profits would go to Boesky, but I was provisionally reassured, as it seemed likely it would be more successful than not At the time I had very great respect for Mr

Lord Boyd of Merton, former deputy chairman of Guinness, told the jury Mr Saunders kept members of the board in the dark over the Distillers takeover.

Lord Boyd, who owned or 2,500,000 Guinness shares, said Mr Saunders had not kept him informed of developments over the takeover and had missed meetings, including at least one board meeting and a series of company presentations and briefings with the press.

Lord Boyd resigned on April 25, 1986, because he felt there was no role for him in a larger company, which would have ended what had been a family brewing business.

The hearing continues

Gene project planned for children

Petn Longitudal Study of Pregnancy and Childhood.

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Oriver moves off northbo

More than 11,000 children mother, providing a genetic for genetic differences that composition of each one of the born in Britain next year will data bank for each individual, might explain why only one of complete set of 50,000 human An outline of the scheme is two people exposed to identidescribed by Professor Marcus cal environments contracted

By Michael Dynes

Transport Correspondent

Hundreds of London Underground commuters

narrowly escaped disaster after two rush-hour trains

managed to avoid a head-on collision near King's

form on Monday after a driver failed to transfer his

train from the southbound to the northbound line.

leaving the train heading in the right direction on

the wrong track - towards an oncoming train

driver of the second train, saw the approaching

headlights of the other train and reached out of his

cab window to connect two low-voltage cables on

Disaster was averted after Mr John Robson, the

The near miss took place on the Piccadilly Line at

Cross station, it was disclosed yesterday.

Professor Pembrey said the child. European study would be linked into the multi-million at early stages of pregnancy,

open the cab door and pull the emergency wires to bring him to a halt. Any other driver would have acted in the same way. I'm just glad not to be dead." Simultaneously, the other driver realized his

mistake and applied the emergency brakes which, along with the loss of power, brought the empty northbound train to a halt 400 feet away from Mr Robson's nacked commuter train. London Underground said the Heathrow-bound train had been instructed beforehand to offload his

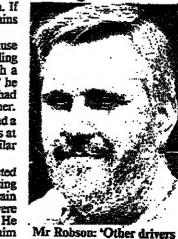
passengers at King's Cross and return to Cockfosters where there was a shortage of rolling stock. He should have driven his train from the platform to a point immediately south of the station to a crossover line between the north and southbound tracks and then changed to the rear driving cab before

London Underground said: "The driver must have thought the cross-over line was to the north of King's Cross, because he changed driving cabs in the

the drivers had not been paying attention the trains could have collided." A spokesman said the mistake happened because

of a "loophole" in the Underground's signalling system. "It has never been envisaged that such a wrong move could be made by a train driver," he said, before acknowledging that a similar error had

junctions to prevent any reoccurance. London Underground said both drivers had acted



be invited to join a unique, long-term medical study along with their mothers. Comparable groups in other EC countries will also he monstored under proposals for a project called the Euro-

The purpose is to chart physical progress, educational achievement and psychologi- rate the genetic factors from cal development from infancy

Pembrey, professor of paediatric genetics at the Institute of Child Health, London, in a report published today on the medical and ethical implications of advances in genetic engineering. Professor ods for preventing common many complex chose to avoid Pembrey said one object of the European study was to sepa-

common disorders such as asthma, arthritis, diabetes, of cancer.

heart disease and some forms consequence of genetic The ultimate goal would be to be at risk from a particular to devise gene therapy meth- inherited disease was that

genes found in every cell in the body. It is called the human genome project, Hugo. Professor Pembrey said the

counselling of families known the birth of a handicapped

restrictions on the case to be lifted at one of his appearances before Reading magistrates. Mr Robert Summering, for the defence, told the court in July last year that Dr Lodwig

The murder charge was uccessfully committed to Reading Crown Court, but the Crown Prosecution Service

With progress in screening He added that it should be pound international project selective abortion provided a decided to remit the case to shares in the company. He had the Central Criminal Court of the Central

Quick-thinking train driver averted head-on collision on Piccadilly line station and then set off towards his destination. If

> occurred at least once in 1988 at Hyde Park Corner. An inquiry into the incident has been set up, and a crash programme carried out to install red lights at the King's Cross cross-over and other similar

quickly and were a credit to their training. Praising Mr Robson, London Underground said: "His train was stationary at the time because the signals were showing that another train was in front of him. He didn't know that it was heading straight for him until he saw the lights."

Mr Robson: Other drivers would have done the same.

the tunnel wall, short-circuiting the electrical supply of both trains Mr Robson said: "I just saw headlights coming round the corner and all I could think to do was to

packed with commuters.

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Complaints authority's new broom

Erring police may face cash penalty after retirement

Tough measures may be needed to close the loophole escape disciplinary investigation by retiring unscathed on pension, Judge Petre, the chairman of the Police Complaints Authority, said

Speaking after the first six months in his job, the judge also defended the authority, challenged the idea that an independent group, instead of the police, might be created to investigate complaints, and disclosed that a debate was developing in Whitehall to find a way to allow civil actions to run parallel with investigations.

An officer can now avoid disciplinary hearings if doctors say he is unfit for duty. Judge Petre said a better test would be whether the man was unfit for the hearing, and that might be decided by independent medical advice rather than police medical officers or GPs.

It might also be possible to suspend an officer rather than let him retire, or, in a serious case, pursue an officer after his ment and extract a financial penalty. The obvious area would be the pension but the judge would not be drawn further.

Judge Petre said the number of cases was small and the subject was complex. "I think it is wrong an officer should be able to avoid a disciplinary hearing. The whole topic requires much further consideration. The present situation is not entirely satisfactory."

The question of blocking loopholes is only one of a host of problems facing the authority. Judge Petre, a former judge at the Central Criminal Court, inherited an organization condemned last year by the Police Federation in a vote of no confidence.

Within months the authority was called into the West Midlands serious crime squad case and then became increasingly embroiled in the controversy over police conduct at Wapping.

A recent survey in north London showed that few members of the public know some polls suggested con- biggest areas of complaint. fidence in the police was

Judge Petre's predecessor,

the care and pace once de-voted to summing-up, may be more bullish and less scathing although the publication of the authority's report on Wapping last month has drawn criticism at Scotland

'It is my view." the judge said, "that the PCA has an important role to play and one that is necessary in a civilized society because of the inevitable tensions which may arise. Our role is to reassure



Judge Petre: "My aim is to establish credibility." the public there is an independent civil body which oversees

are a considerable asset to them because they are able in public that allegations are subject to independent scrutiny. It is our intention to gain the respect of the police without in any way com-

promising our independence." The authority seems to see itself as some sort of referee but it is one whose role sometimes gets lost among the flurry of punches. "My main object is to establish our credibility. I think we have got a good story to tell. We are still in the learning process," the

judge said. The media latched on to cause célèbres but the bread and butter of the authority depended on minor cases often heartfelt but trivial and covering something as simple the authority existed. Yet the as the use or non-use of the public could turn to the word "sir". Alleged assaults authority for greater action, as and incivility are the two

The rise of the cause cethe police to be investigated Sir Cecil Clothier, harried and by some breed of special fought for his corner often outside investigator. Some sewith controversy and acerbity. nior officers say if the judge

does not improve public con-fidence the change will come. Judge Petre said he did not want to enter into the debate but added: "No one has suggested a viable alternative to the present system. We feel this method of conducting

It was as effective as any system in any other jurisdic-tion. Alternative systems in the US had been tried and abandoned, and the ratio of cases proved in Britain was comparable to figures for the US and other countries with legal systems based on com-

investigations with strong independent oversight is a good

Nonetheless, an increasing number of serious complainants are are going to law ignoring the authority. Judge Petre said it was not true that a mass of complainants were

turning from the authority. He accepted complainants were using the courts in lieu of a system which offered them nothing more than satisfaction, although the courts were slower than the authority. A civil action might take three to five years, whereas an inquiry by the authority would take far less time.

The authority has submit-ted a report to the Home Office on ways of allowing civil cases to go ahead alongside investigations. Other gov-ernment departments are also

putting in submissions. The key point is that statements made by complainants can be used against them by the police, and that no copie of statements made by witnesses can be provided to the

The question of the use of statements, the judge said, might be a complex issue involving considerable time and eventually new legislation. He felt that witnesses should have their statements.

During the rest of his threeyear term of chairmanship the judge may well have cause for some of the attributes he inherits from a military famity; his father was a much decorated major general. He says he was known as a tough judge but there is a clear sense of the individual in his view of the authority's task: whether that individual be the aggrieved member of the public

or the unlucky policeman. Police, he says, are becomwith the public although many complainants had fastened on the fact they were victims of a "young" officer.

Whiz-kid's software has healthy future



By Jill Sherman Social Services

Over half the eligible GP practices in England have expressed an interest in becoming budget holders, one of the key health service reforms, the Government an-

nounced yesterday. Mr Kenneth Clarke, Sec retary of State for Health, said that 850 practices had so far registered an interest out of the 1,640 practices with over 9,000 patients on their lists who are eligible for the

Practices with fewer than 9.000 patients can take up the plan if they join with another practice and have adequate computer back-up. Each of the 850 practices will get £16,000 from this April to help them start up the scheme, a total bill of £13.6 million.

Practices which then decide to go ahead with approval from the regional health authority, would get £32,000 in

Budget scheme interests half the GP practices

1991-1992 for extra management and administrative help. However formal applications will not have to be submitted until after the NHS

and Community Care Bill receives Royal Assent Mr Clarke has already indicated that the Government will be unable to cope with more than a few hundred budget holders in the first phase of the reforms starting next April, so some practices may be weeded

The figures will nevertheless provide a welcome fillip

for the Government which is facing mounting staff opposition to its other main reform, self-governing hospitals. Mr Clarke described the "It shows that a significant advantages of having more hospital services and are looking forward to new opportunities to improve their practices in the interests of their patients," he said.

Some would become fundholding from April 1, while "for others it would be more practical to join the scheme

The British Medical Association, which is strongly opposed to the plans, emphasized that a request for information was not the same as taking on board the Government's proposals, It said:

stand how this iniquitous scheme will affect their patients we would expect to see a substantial drop in the number of doctors interested." Under the plan, "practice fund-holders" will be given annual budgets to cover the

drugs they prescribe, practice staff and some hospital care. The size of the budget will be up to individual negotiation but it is expected to be about £1 million for an average practice with 11,000

For the first time GPs will be able to shop around for hospital care and draw up contracts for elective surgery, out-patient appointments and

Practices which make savings will be able to keep them to spend on staff or premises or add them to the following year's budget. Where practices overspend within the year on any aspect of their budget they will theoretically be expected

to recoup it from other areas. However Mr Clarke has already given an undertaking that where extra expense is justified GPs may be able to negotiate a mid-year increase with the region.

• The NHS chief executive Mr Duncan Nichol yesterday announced a drive to improve management.

An open learning course has been set up for junior and middle managers by the NHS Training Authority in conjunction with the Open University and the Institute of Health Services Management Mr Nichol said managers doctors and nurses would need new skills to implement

Tribunal regulations 'unfair to patients'

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

Reformed procedures for making complaints about doctors are unfair to patients and should be withdrawn, the Council on Tribunals, an independent statutory watchdog on tribunal procedures,

It says the new regulations, due to come into force next month, would not stop undesirable practices which favour the doctor who faces a complaint. These had been observed by tribunal members at hearings of the Family Practitioner Service Committees, which hear complaints against dentists, pharmacists and opticians, as well as doctors.

meant to be in private and the way they are conducted ought to be fairly balanced between patient and doctor. But the new regulations permit all tests gave a full eye examination to detect would hold more sensitive information doctors to be assisted or represented by other diseases. The committee, set up by the General people's lifestyles, which could be exploited.

doctors, while patients are barred from being represented by any lawyer, even if unpaid.

The new regulations also allow medical observers to be present but permit no observer to represent the interests of a patient; require the doctor's consent for consideration of any complaint that falls outside the stated time-limits; and do nothing to stop a member of the family practitioner committee involved from assisting or representing the doctor

Calling on the Government to withdraw the regulations, the council says it has repeatedly called for the strengthening of the present regulations. Opticians warned the Government yesterday not Speakers at a symposium held by the Optical Optical Council, will report the findings to Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health.

In more than 6 per cent of all eye examinations patients were referred for medical treatment, the British College of Optometrists said. A study at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, had shown that 47 per cent of occular tumours were picked up by optometrists. However, the Association of British Dispensing Opticians called for an optional "refraction" test without a full examination which could be given by its members with an extra twomonth training.

 A London GP has called for medical records to be protected from insurance companies and other patients' access to medical records. Dr David Services Audit Committee said it was essential that Sloane said that under the new GP contract doctors would hold more sensitive information about

Labour pledge on child care

By Douglas Broom

The Labour Party yesterday quired to draw up a devpromised to abolish taxation elopment plan involving state on child care benefits for nurseries, workplace child working mothers as part of a care, child minders, nannies drive to improve provision for and playgroups to ensure that pre-school children. all children under five had pre-school children.

party's Treasury spokesmen, cation and care. said it was "absurd and obscene" that working mothers nurseries and childcare vouchers "at double the rate paid In addition to exempting

child care benefits from tax, Labour also announced plans to give local authorities increased powers to license nanplaygroup leaders.

Start, that a Labour governthe right of a place in nursery education to all three and four-year-olds whose parents to support the elderly, a Tory

Mrs Hilary Armstrong, the party's spokesman on nursery education, said Labour had stopped short of an outright commitment to nursery education for all because it would be unrealistic to promise what might not be achieved.

Under Labour's plans every It also predicted that the move local authority would be re- would lead to more divorces.

Mr Paul Boateng, one of the access to some kind of edu-

were paving tax on workplace its European competitors in facilities: only 44 per cent of three and four-year-olds were

Mr Boateng said the key to success was a flexible system nies, child minders and enabling women to place their playgroup leaders. enabling women to place their children in child care or

> working population too small the birthrate to fall further, shortage. More mothers

ay of Clashfern, yesterday.

Mrs Armstrong said that Britain was falling far behind

 Tax concessions for working mothers could lead to a "Doomsday scenario" with a pressure group, said yesterday. Such a move would cause leading to a worsening skill

the provision of pre-school provided for compared with 95 per cent in France and

The party promised in a education, according to their policy document, The Best needs.

would then be encouraged into the workforce, accelerating the trend, the Conser-vative Family Campaign said.

comes up at Christie's on June

Known as the Agra di-

amond, and measuring nearly

one inch in diameter, it was

once owned by Babur, the 16th century founder of the

Mogul dynasty and conqueror

Babur, whose name means

"the Tiger", acquired the Agra

diamond in 1526 from the

family of the Rajah of Gwalior

in exchange for their lives after their defeat in battle. He

used to wear it in his turban. By the same means, he also acquired the famous Koh-i-

quickly without regard for the needs of their children, were forcefully criticized by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mack-

Such laws allowed "husbands and wives to obtain a quick divorce by dredging up recriminations to show that the other party has been at fault", he said.

"I have to ask, except in the most gross cases, should bad behaviour by one partner give the other the right to a divorce without regard to the consequences, especially for the children?"

"Should it be possible to get a divorce by pointing an accusing finger at your partner without first facing up to the consequences, and if they do not deter you, making the necessary arrangements to deal with them?

Lord Mackay's comments, to a conference in London of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, are a clear signal that he favours a reform of the divorce laws to take the needs of children into account. He said: "Would not the

prospects of saving marriages

and of conciliation be im-

by Sarah Jane Checkland

Art Market

Correspondent

Noor diamond, which he gave

to his son Humayun. It is now

one of the more famous of the

The Agra diamond, named after Babur's capital city, has

had many owners, including

the eccentric 19th-century

collector, the Duke of Bruns-

wick, being his single most expensive purchase when he

bought it for 348,000 francs in 1844.

It weighed 41.75 carats until

British crown jewels.

The largest light pink diamond to be auctioned to date SALEROOM

which allow couples to split up adults look to the consequen- of their parents". ces of a family-breakdown rather than to the alleged cause or excuse for it?"

adults needed to be turned away from asking whether the marriage was giving them the family, that they are ernment was embarked on a responsible for it and that if "major initiative to overhand

The present divorce laws, lated by a law which made the terests must prevail over those system". Throughout the re-His speech comes as the

divorce and make couples face and that the law and the courts up to the consequences of Mackay outlined yesterday.

view, the guiding principle was that "the child came

It also recognized that parpersonal responsibility for themselves and their children, were a last resort in family

Lord Mackay rejected the Lord Mackay said the Gov-creation of a separate Family ernment was embarked on a Court along Australian lines.

However, he said a number of

pean Commission to the Crown Prosecution Service; from the Army Legal Corps to the Legal Aid Practitioners' Group, will be represented at the first national Law Fair which opens today.

at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London, is expected to attract several thousand students and graduates seeking jobs. The fair is organized by London Univer-

Miss Anne-Marie Martin, senior careers adviser with London University's careers proved if divorce were regu- advisory service, said there was a growing

wake of the City's Big Bang and intense competition between law firms and other professions for students.

"Demographic evidence suggests that the competition to recruit high-calibre graduates will become even fiercer," she said. Recruitment problems are particularly hitting some of the regional and smaller organizations.

All sizes of law firm are hosting stands, from Linklaters with 100 vacancies for articled clerks in 1991-92 to smaller firms such as Courts and Co, a seven-partner practice with

The fair will include seminars on such topics as becoming a barrister or choosing articles. The Law Fair: today noon to 7pm; tomorrow

estimate

would adopt the "component parts" of a Family Court. "What we are now doing is unpacking the suitcase labelled, perhaps misleadingly, "family court", and reviewing

its contents," he said. A first step had been the Children Act 1989, a "historic advance", bringing together public and private child care law to form a coherent whole. However, this was only the first stage in a "very major initiative" to overhaul and improve family justice.

The Government was reviewing a coherent family jurisdiction, properly organized support services, and more appropriate procedures. Child maintenance was

being urgently considered by the Government, be said. The Law Commission was preparing recommendations on divorce, domestic violence and rights to occupy the home. At the same, Lord Mackay said his department and others were considering the role and organization of reconcili-ation in the event of family

breakdown. At the same time, a group of officials was looking at the arrangements for the support services of the courts, including guardians ad litem and welfare officers.

Police seek cause of car crash that killed five

Police were last night still unsure of the cause of a crash in which five teenagers travelling in the same car were killed (William Peakin writes).

The accident happened on Tuesday night in Queensferry Road, a mile from the centre of Koad, a mue trout the count of Edinburgh. The dead were in a BMW which apparently spun off the west-bound carr iageway into an oncoming car. They were named as Miss Melody Mai-Yee Mak, Mr William Feachen, Mr Paul Taylor and Miss Carol Mc-Gowan, all from Edinburgh and all aged 17. The fifth, aged 16, has not been named until relatives have been informed.

Worry dolls

Thousands of tiny wire and wood "worry dolls" from Guatemala have been seized at Heathrow Airport by trading standards officers who fear children could choke on them.

Butchers fined Dewhurst, the butchers' chain, Dewnurst, the Butchers chain, was fined £2,000 yesterday for misleading customers with false descriptions and in-

correct labelling at its branch in Tavistock, Devon. Flight plans

Birmingham European Airways, based at Birmingham Airport, plans to double the number of passengers it carries over the next year to 250,000 after spending £10 million on five BAC 1-11 Jets.

Taking leave A powerful insect repellent

that smells like peppermint has been found in oil in the leaves of Dicerandra fratescens, a rare and endangered mint plant from Florida.

Cold comfort

Overhaul of family justice system Children's interests come first, says Mackay

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

In divorce law, as with other family law, the attention of what they wanted. Instead. what was needed was "a full recognition that they created

Law Commission is drafting its final paper on a reform of the divorce laws, expected this ents and spouses must accept summer. It is widely expected to remove the fault basis of

there are children their in- and improve the family justice the Government's initiatives

First Law Fair opens doors

The two-day event which starts at 12 noon sity's careers advisory service, in association with the Law Society and The Times, as a

response to the recruitment crisis being suffered by many law firms.

the late 19th century, when it was cut down to 32.24 carats the early 1900s. to eliminate inclusions. The The painting shows a chubpresent vendor, a private Eng-lish collector, inherited it. by-faced George Augustus Herbert, later eleventh earl of Agnews, the London deal-Pembroke, standing in shaders, was in spending mood at ow, startled by a beam of light shining on his face. He had a colourful life ahead of him as Grand Tourist, MP and later Sotheby's sale of British paint-ings from 1500 to 1850 in

ambassador to Vienna.

yesterday against an upper estimate of £80,000. There was a record for Denis Dighton, when his vivid "Battle of Klissura"

Agnews paid £115,500 for it

Pink diamond from the Mogul dynasty expected to fetch £1m egainst the Turks, first exhibited the painting, which shows ing combat. The price was within

> A painting of Edmund Keane playing Brutus was saved for the nation when the dealers Leggatt Brothers bid £27,500 on behalf of the National Portrait Gallery. Dated 1819, it shows the actor in one of his greatest roles, solemly posturing in his toga as a fellow senator weeps.

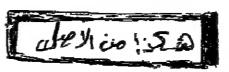
place in 1808.

It also bought back a haunting Sir Joshua Reynolds portrait of a small boy which the

fetched £187,000, selling privately. Dighton, a renowned military painter during the early 1800s, and like Byron a

Originally commissioned by William Henry Whitbread of the brewing family, it is by James Northcote, RA.





It paid £198,000 (four times

sketch showing a roseate river

Stour at sunset, looking to-wards Dedham, It was one of

many open air sketches com-

pleted near the artist's birth-

East Germans mourn an enforced loss of identity

From Anne McElvoy
East Berlin

Herr Konrad Weiss, of the East German opposition group Democracy Now, sounds a lament as the sequence of events which his organization helped catalyse moves at an unremitting pace — dictated by outsiders — towards Sun-

day's elections and on to reunification. He declares: "I have lost my homeland. This grey, narrow, ugiy land and yet a beautiful land too ... has been pulled from under my feet. I am an

immigrant in my own country." As polling approaches, the chants of "Germany, one fatherland" and "We are one people" have faded from the streets of East Germany.

The flags with the symbol of the hammer and compass cut out to yield the West German version still hang from windows in the endless concrete apart-ment blocks of East Berlin's suburbs, but most tidy housewives have folded them away. They have got what they want. Reunification, prosperity and the Deutschmark are on the way.

East Germany's existence, forged in the ideological and military turnoil at

the end of the war, sustained by repression and nurtured by its guardian superpower, collapsed unceremoniously when external conditions and internal frustrations caused a meltdown at the heart of an unstable system.

But when Herr Hans-Wilhelm Ebeling, leader of the conservative German Social Union, said on the hustings this week he was "ashamed that the GDR still existed", he was boord by his conservative audience.

It was the kind of mistake that West German politicians habitually make when addressing East Germans on the subject of reunification. "Come to us," they say, "and we will relieve you of the last 40 years. In no time you will be just like us ..." That it was made by a native intensified the outrage.

German identity is the product of a history of fragmentation, belated and crotchety unity, and the effects of fascism. It thrived best in exile. "Germany is divided, we are one part of her," Heinrich Heine wrote in Paris, while Thomas Mann was proclaiming in Princeton that where he was, so was German culture. During his exile in

rates. There has been preferen-

tial treatment for East Ger-

mans on housing lists and they have qualified for loans of up

to DM 10,000 to buy furnish-

These benefits were not

resented in the days when

leaving East Germany was

dangerous and difficult, but

now that anyone can pack up

and go at will, the welcome

A recent poll showed that 71 per cent of West Germans believe that benefits for East

Germans are too high, while

only 22 per cent were still in

favour of them being given automatic right to citizenship.

tion will not, however, seek to

stop East Germans from trav-

elling to the West. This would

be impossible anyway after reunification since everyone

would then have equal status.

Less stringent curbs are being placed on the ethnic

Germans from elsewhere who

largely from Poland, the

In future, however, they will

have to prove that they really

do have German roots before being allowed in to claim citizenship and benefits. At

present a small proportion of

those who arrive from East

bloc countries have no Ger-

man ancestry at all but pre-

tend they do in order to be

able to live in the West. By the

journalists. His staff insist he is not speaking for the Commission, but they say some of his colleagues share his fears. Lamenting what he called Britain's tendency "always to limp be-hind the others on integration", Mr Van Miert said Herr Kohl was giving Britain wider scope to slow the pace of European unity.

Mr Van Miert believes the emergency Community summit in Dublin on April 28 must give a "renewed commitment to keeping Germany in Europe" to prevent the EC losing

Herr Kohl has promised not to let Germs

unity hinder EC integration. He has offered

Herr Martin Bangemann, the West German Commissioner, a seat at Cabiset meetings which discuss the EC impact of reunification.

ministers on moves to fuse the two currescies.

and West Germany now briefs Commu

relevance for the Germans.

Soviet Union and Romania.

come as refugees to the West

The change in the legisla-

ings for a new home.

Hamburg, Wolf Biermann, the dissident singer, still sang about East Germany after 14 years in the West. "You always think differently about the world if you have grown up in a land where two times two equals four is a state secret," he said.

Yet West German politicians tend to behave as if remification was all over ber the redrawing of maps. Despite their desire to put the socialist experiment behind them, people do not like being told they have lived in vain for 40 years.

East Germans have worked, suffered and laughed together within the confines of a closed country. They took their holidays in the same Eastern European nations that were permitted them, recycling the permitted destinations. They learned the names of the Comintern in kindergarten, wore the blue and yellow of the Free German Youth when their Western contemporaries were starting to don brand-name jeans, and even the German that they spoke sounded old-fashioned compared with the West-

That is all over now and most are truly relieved that their own children will have a different life. But the price demanded, hurriedly and with little tact, by West Germany for the prize of reunification and prosperity appears to be the identity of the East.

The election strategy is being mapped out on computers imported from Bonn and fought out with the rival parties distributing free Coca-Cola and bauanas.

East German politicians still seem uneasy about the combative style of their West German models. Their leaders have all emerged from years in the political underground, which in East Germany was a very cosy circle indeed. The bonds forged in opposition are proving stronger than the newly-knotted party ties with Bonn.

Herr Gregor Gysi of the reformed communist Party of Democratic Socialism was formerly a defence lawyer for dissidents. The brave and turbulent priest, Herr Rainer Eppelmann, now prominent on the centre-right, was defended by Herr Gysi when nobody else would touch his case. It is no exaggeration to say that all the main activists know and respect one other and many are close friends. Thus, attempts to set up pre-election quarrels on television

constantly fall flat. Their West German mentors admit privately that they are finding their new charges troublesome. They are all too damn nice to be politicians here," one desperate adviser

Only the communist party, under the canny leadership of Herr Gysi, is pushing the cause of East German identity in the run-up to the elections making a virtue out of necessity as it has little else to boast about. But the arguments go down well on the streets. even with those who would not touch a socialist party with a barge-pole for the rest of their lives.

If the communists are overplaying the identity issue, the main parties are neglecting it to their cost.

The prospect of Lander being lopped off East Germany and attached by Anschluss to West Germany is scarcely a seemly way for two grown-up states to join together, and makes a mockery of carlier claims by Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, that the reunification process will be embedded in European unity.

Until the last few weeks, only ro-

tected species of unreconstructed Marxists ventured that the drive to unity

was tending towards the Federal Repub. lic swallowing up the GDR. It is now clear to all that the pace of progress is being decided between Mos-cow and Bonn, with East Germany being informed virtually as an afterthought and a hankering for the autumn days of

influenced their fate, is spreading, One day there will no longer be an East German sense of identity, but its traces and sears will long outlive the state itself A new and healthy pan-German identity will not grow simply by hanging the garland of prosperity around the neck of

1989, when East Ciermans themselves

the newcomers. Those who had lived within the collapsed system will need time and understanding to deal with their own role in its perpetuation, or to work out the bitterness of the wasted years. A little polite regard for the absurd, painful and particular experience of 18 million people for nearly half a century might yet provide a smoother passage to a united future.

Bonn to withdraw special privileges for new arrivals

From Ian Murray, Bonn

East Germans are to lose all the special benefits for which they have qualified automatically so far on arrival in West Germany. The Cabinet yes-terday decided to amend the law granting them these special privileges and the oppo-sition Social Democrats (SPD) will raise no objection to a step they have themselves been

Herr Oskar Lafontaine, the SPD's likely candidate as chancellor in next December's general election, has gone even further than the Government. With West German unemployment at over 2 million and an acute housing shortage developing in big cities, he would like to see East Germans paid to go home

The benefits were originally signed to encourage and s from communism. It is being cancelled now as part of the Government's efforts to stop the continuing, economically damaging exodus of people seeking a better life in the West.

Since last September, when the first wave of East Germans arrived through Hungary, around 400,000 of them have made use of the emergency million (£181 million). More are still arriving at an average rate of about 2,000 a day, straining the housing, employment and schooling resources in West Germany and depriving East Germany of the skilled workforce it will need

to rebuild its economy. The Cabinet yesterday decided that after the free elections in East Germany next Sunday, there is no logic in

Brussels - Signs are emerging in Brussels that the European Commission feels increasingly

excluded from the German question as Bonn

sets the pace for reunification (Peter Guilford

writes). A serious crack appeared in the

Commission's cantious diplomacy towards the issue this week when Mr Karel Van Miert, the

Belgian Commissioner, accused the West German Government of "only paying lip-

In an interview with the Flemish newspaper

talk over the Oder-Neisse border" by Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor,

mixed with a reluctance to have the EC involved in the reunification process, meant

"the work of many years risks being lost".

These are moderate words compared with

Mr Van Miert's private outbursts recently to

service to the European Community'

Academy, Sandhurst.

De Morgen, Mr Van Miert said that "d

democracy. Herr Wolfgang qualifies for DM 200 (£73) in Schäuble, the Interior Min-ister, said that currency union support of up to DM 2,400 a quanties for DM 200 (£73) in cash and subsequently income support of up to DM 2,400 a year for each member of the between the two Germanies, family for the first four years and the economic reforms being introduced, along with after arrival. social security, as the first step This is in addition to children's benefits at varying towards unity, should rapidly

in East Germany. Given this better perspective, he said, East Germans ought to be persuaded to stay and work for a new beginning. That meant there was no need for emergency help on arrival

improve the standard of living

Cancelling the benefits is meant to be a deterrent to people coming. As an in-centive to people to stay, the Government has decided to support an exchange rate of one-to-one into Deutschmarks for private East German Ostmark savings.

The legal requirement to provide help meant that, when the rush of refugees began last autumn, special camps had to be set up as reception centres along the borders, with teams of counsellors and employ-ment officers available to help people integrate. Each refugee



granting special privileges to Herr Lafoutaine: Urging time the truth is discovered it people who are living in a payments for return exodus. is too late to send them back.

EC fears on reunification

Campaign bouquets for Modrow



Herr Hans Modrow, the East German Prime Minister and the main candidate for the Party of Democratic Socialism, being welcomed with a mass of flowers from his supporters after campaigning in Neubrandenburg for the election on Sunday.

Novice voters baffled by choice

political campaign posters plastered on Ludwigslust's soot-stained walls and decaying buildings, and shakes his head in bewilderment.

"This is almost as bad as the Weimer Republic," Herr Loos says, referring to the confusing array of more than 20 political parties competing for votes in the first free elections in East Germany for 57 years.

Herr Loos, aged 48, a sanita-tion worker in this town of 12,000 people, 100 miles began to crumble in Novem-north-west of Berlin, says that ber, "almost everyone turned he is still undecided. "There's to the SPD because it offered just not been enough time to sort them all out."

At Ochmke's Tavern, one of the town's two pubs, located in a dark and shabby sidestreet just off the town square, Sunday's elections dominate beer- and schnapps-inspired political debate.

"If you don't vote, you'll give the communists their German Chancellor. The Alli-final victory," Herr Hans Jäger, the proprietor, admon-ishes an apathetic patron. Kohl's Christian Democratic

From Girard Steichen, Ludwigslust, East Germany Herr Gerhard Loos scans the Herr Jäger, a member of the Union (CDU), is campaigning Berlin, says the CDU has the political campaign posters Social Democratic Party on a platform of quick reunifisupport of fledgeling private (SPD), passes out campaign literature along with his beer. "After all these years of tyr-Constitution.

anny and one-party rule, you have to get involved." For many East Germans, the dizzying changes since the hard-line communist regime was ousted in October have brought agonizing choices.

Herr Reindhart Schwarz, a teacher in Ludwigslust, says that when the Berlin Wall familiar social ideals and programmes. Now the issues are money and the pace of

reunification". In recent weeks, the SPD has been losing ground to the Alliance for Germany, a coalition of three conservative parties forged with the help of Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor. The Allication based on provisions already in the West German

Such notions have won increasingly broad support among East Germans facing the looming prospect of eco-nomic ruin. Some Alliance candidates have also suggested during the bitter campaign that Bonn may be more reluctant to provide economic assistance if the SPD scores a decisive victory.

Frau Renate Wiese, an East Berlin restaurant manager, says: "People who think voting CDU is going to bring them quick prosperity with reunification are in for a rude awakening." Frau Wiese, aged 39, says she favours the SPD's slower and more cautious prescription for eventual reunification based on a new constitution to be ratified by voters in both German states. But Herr Wilhelm Brock,

who operates a small private

support of fledgeling private entrepreneurs. "The Alliance offers the market economy we want and need," he says.

For others, however, the spectre of the rapid reunification proposed by the conservatives amounts to a shameless sell-out to the West. "In effect, we're just giving

away the country, ourselves, and all the positive things we managed to accomplish despite the Stalinists," says Herr Siegfried Müller, who declared in the bar his intention to vote for the Party of Democratic Socialism. It was recently created out of the shambles of the disgraced Socialist Unity (communist) Party.

"This election has been a sham since the day West German politicians set foot here and began running it for their own purposes," Herr Müller says. "But we still have something to offer in our own right and we have to protect that. The issue here is East cleaning company in East German dignity."

Leader of party was spy for Stasi

From Anne McElvov East Berlin

One of the principal candidates in East Germany's forthcoming election yes-terday admitted that he worked as an informer for the Stasi secret police under the former regime and resigned his party leadership.

Herr Wolfgang Schnur, who led the Democratic Awakening party within the right-wing Alliance for Germany, confirmed from his bed in an East Berlin hospital allegations that he passed information on his clients to the East German security services while working as a lawyer defending

He is currently suffering from physical and nervous exhaustion.

The most ambitious of the three conservative leaders in the Alliance, Herr Schmur recently told a raily: "Here stands your next Prime Minister.

The Bonn Government lest week defended Herr Schnur. saying that he had passed information to West Germany enabling it to help political prisoners in the East, but diplomatic circles in East Berlin confirmed yesterday that evidence of the lawyer's Stasi activities had since been passed to Herr Helmut Kohl,

he West German Chancellor The chairman of the West German Christian Democrats, Herr Volker Rühe, visitet Herr Schnur in hospital yesto limit damage to the Alli-ance's changes ance's chances on Sunday.

His admission was disclosed by the CDU in West Berlin while the Democratic Awakening beadquarters in East Berlin was still calling the

allegations a smear campaign. The news is a severe blow to the party's chances but it is thought that most of its voters will transfer allegiance to the

other two conservative parties in the Alliance. Herr Schnur was accused of connivance with the security service after the commission responsible for the dissolution

of the Stasi in Rostock, where he had his practice, discovered files on dissidents apparently supplied by him under the codename "Torsten". Receipts for payments and commendations signed by Herr Erich Mielke, the former Minister for State Security,

were also found, but Herr Schnur insisted that they had been falsified as part of a "Stalinist smear campaign against him. However, a number of former Stasi agents now living in West Germany confirmed the allegations.

Military reform of Warsaw Pact

Romanian Army seeks Sandhurst touch

By Paul Martin General Victor Stanculescu, programme of disarmament Aurel Stoica, an academic been agreed in principle be- Salvation Front as a stopga-

impossible". Romanian army personnel can receive training at British military establishments, inclrefused to reveal what its promises of government help uding The Royal Military attitude to the Romanian requests would be, except to

will be the first time military hypothetical at this stage." personnel from a Warsaw Pact Romania appears to be country have been admitted to training facilities belonging to a Nato member state. During unpublicized talks last Friday with Mr Tom Warsaw Pact, despite its

King, the Defence Secretary. the Romanian minister urged "an exchange of experience" between the two armed forces and "co-operation in higher military education". General Stanculescu said

the objective was "to bring together two armies that are in dustry. two different defence treaties,

If the request is approved, it state: "Any exchange of ill be the first time military personnel would only be

taking a similar line to other East European states in declining to withdraw from the

General Stanculescu, appointed only a fortnight ago, expressed determination to see an "opening to the Western world", not only in de- industrial co-operation. fence but in other spheres, including commerce and in-

the new Romanian Defence and understanding that makes recently drafted in as minister Minister, has asked Britain if a new war in Europe in charge of the country's huge mechanical industry and avi-The Ministry of Defence ation, says they also secured

Rome - The Pope has appointed 12 new Romanian bishops, the Vatican announced yesterday (Richard Bassett writes). They are the first Vatican appointments since relations between the Holy See and Romania were broken off by the communists in 1948. The Communist Goverument then unilaterally abandoned the country's Concordat with the Vatican.

on a range of financial and

A huge production deal for erals and senior officers seen civilian BAC1-11 aircraft is as obstructive to change. close to completion. Worth an

measure - he had clashed tween the Romanians and British Aerospace, as revealed previously with Ceausescu exclusively in The Times. but he was regarded by senior Since his appointment, officers as too conservative General Stanculescu has been and unwilling to take tough

pushing ahead rapidly with a programme to "depoliticize measures. General Stanculescu also and democratize" the armed described as a key priority forces in Romania. measures to improve the quality of the Army's equip-ment", a possible pointer to Among the measures introduced by the general are the sacking of political commisanother unique request from a sars, the ending of Marxist Warsaw Pact country - to

indoctrination courses, impurchase arms from Nato proving army rations, bolstermembers. ing the living standards of The general is also launchofficers and conscripts, and ing reforms to the Army's abandoning the use of army training programme, intendpersonnel as "free labour". ing to raise levels of skill and He has also forced into encourage initiative. It is beretirement a number of genlieved that he hopes to invite British officers to Romania.

Bucharest introduced leg-His predecessor, General islation last week to cut the The general, accompanied estimated \$1 billion (£625 Nicolae Militaru, had been period of military conscripyet each of whom promote a on his visit to Britain by Mr million) over 10 years, it has brought back by the National tion from 16 to 12 months. | industrial countries in the added satisfaction, because Soviet Union.

Finns remember war that saved them from Stalin From Olli Kivinen, Helsinki

While the Baltic republics are world with a fast growing hi- more and more Russian struggling to regain their independence Finland celebrates quietly the 50th annivterror and enabled it to remain independent and democratic.

On March 13, 1940, Finland's blue and white flags were flown at half mast with black ribbons because Finland was forced to cede one tenth of its territory after bitter fighting lost 25,000 men but was able against the overwhelmingly pigger Soviet Union Yesterday the flags were flying high because half a century's

actually a victory.

roused the world's conscience infamous Molotov-Ribbentrop pact by which Stalin and Hitler carved up north-eastern Europe. During the 100 days the 50th anniversary yes of fighting the Finnish army to annihilate 300,000 to 500,000 Soviet soldiers -- noone knows exactly how many. Nikita Khrushchev said in his events have showed that what memoirs that the Soviet looked like a partial defeat was Union lost one million men.

Finland remained the only in a very low key fashion

tech economy while there are specialists have admitted that increasing reports of hunger in the war was all Stalin's sails. backward Soviet Karelia and In post-war decades there was ersary of the Winter War other parts of northern Russia. a clear tendency in Finland, The Winter War, which encouraged by the former President Urho Kekkonen, 10 was Finland's answer to the belittle Finland's achievement, but that has changed completely. .

The quiet remembrance of terday shows clearly how the Finns will tread carefully to avoid anything which could jeopardize their hard-found position.

They feel that they have been able to turn their position and the once derogatory As usual, Finland celebrates term "Finlandization" into a Finland remained the only in a very low key fashion European neighbour of the solution which was never occupied or sovietized. Today it is one of the 10 richest it is one of the 10 richest occupied or sovietized. Today aged to escape. Glasnoss in the solution has given Finns whatever happens in the solution of the state of the solution has given Finns whatever happens in the solution has given Finns whatever happens in the solution has given Finns whatever happens in the solution has given Finns whether the solution has giv whatever happens in

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as Austria stems flow of Romanians

From Ernest Beck, Hegyeshalom, Austrian-Hungarian border

The main motorway crossing point here between Hungary and Austria became the scene of despair and chaos yesterday as more than 10,000 Romanians, anxious to reach Austria before visa curbs came into effect at midnight, surged towards the frontier and overvhelmed border officials.

Reports say that about 5,000 Romanians managed to cross the border during the day, while another 6,000 are still waiting on the Hungarian side in a long tailback as the

In an attempt to stem the influx, Austrian officials tightened border crossing requirements. Border policemen have been instructed to require Romanians entering the country to prove that they have hard currency to pay for at least a 14-day stay in Austria, amounting to 5,000 shillings (about £265), or that they had visas for other countries. Those who could not comply were being turned

The Austrians also strengthened patrols on the so-called "Green Border" to stop refugees on foot.

Yesterday's wave of Romanian refugees are among thou-sands to seek political asylum in Austria recently because of the uncertain political situation in their country. But the surge has pushed Austrian refugee reception capacities to the limit and has incited public demonstrations against allowing more asylum-seekers to enter the country.

As the Romanians who did make it across the border headed towards a refugee centre in Lower Austria, furious residents blocked roads with cars and lorries to try to

Austrian television quoted the residents as saying that the Ropanians are merely economic refugees with no right to stay in Austria and that they fear their presence will ruin

Austrian radio said that the almost 35,000 Romanian refugees now in Hungary could possibly make a dash towards the border as the visa deadline neared. But Hungarian officials claim that this is unlikely as the majority of Romanians have been in Hungary for some time, having escaped before the revolu-

political asylum in Austria. In Budapest, the Hungarian Parliament yesterday purged the last vestages of the country's communist past by approving a general amnesty for all people convicted of "crimes against socialism", before dissolving itself to pave the way for multi-party elec-

tion, and are not interested in

tions in two weeks time. MPs approved a series of Bills which granted "moral and political rehabilitation" to hundreds of thousands of people prosecuted between 1945 and 1963 during the Stalin and early Kadar cras who were "deprived of free-dom by laws which made a mockery of humanity and

Another measure gave financial compensation to more than 100,000 ethnic Germans who were deported from Hungary after the Sec-ond World War, and reinstated the citizenship of 3.000 Hungarians who were stripped of their nationality or left the country after the 1956

Mr Kalman Kuksar, the Justice Minister, said these people had been victims of the brutal politics of various governments which continually needed to find class enemies. among them Jews and "agents of imperialism".

In a report on the convictions prepared by a par liamentary commission Mr Kulesar said many people were prosecuted for "sabotage ing the five-year economic plan", killing their own farm animals, and failing to report "crimes against socialism".

Delors urges EC political reforms

From Michael Binyon, Strasbourg

the present system was unworkable.

Political co-operation between the Twelve was falling ever further behind social and economic integration. It was stuck in a "grey area", was too reactive and was making it harder and harder for the ssion to take initiatives in foreign policy.

increasingly have to talk about security issues, as Europe moved towards common security. But the present political co-operation process, with a separate secretariat, made it difficult for the Commission to take a lead or form policy on the basis of consensus. The Twelve were reacting to events; rather than forming a policy beforehand.

isment that this was one of the issues that had to be tackled in negotiations about retorm of EC structures. Such reform must be discussed at the inter-governmental conerence in December. But it should not overshadow nego-tations on economic and

His remarks came as the spokesman said.

M Jacques Delors, the Presi- Parliament debated a repor dent of the European Com- by Mr David Martin, a Scotmission, yesterday called for a tish Labour MEP, which complete reveraping of pol-ities co-operation in the Parliament's powers and incalled for a big increase in European Community, saying sisted on a pre-conference meeting this summer to plan a parliamentary role in the in-

ter-governmental conference. M Delors promised that the Commission would take part in this meeting. He also gave broad approval to Parliament's demands for more power. He said it was wrong that EC ministers could pass directives that have been re-He said the EC would jected by Parliament. This should be changed.

But his conciliatory words came only a day after an angry confrontation here with the Parliament's political leadership, which he accused of holding up Single Market legislation in an attempt to usurp more power.

In a stormy session, he accused the Parliament of virtually blackmailing the rest He told the European Par- of the EC with threats to delay measures already agreed by the Commission and EC

Parliamentary leaders were vesteriny furious at his factics, which included a threat to resign. "It ill behoves the President of the Commission to come to tell us how to run a democracy," a socialist

Iran frees 20 PoWs

Genera (Renter) — Twenty Egyptian prisoners who flew from Tehran to freedom yesterday, after being held since the Gulf War, walked heritantly down the ramp of an Iran Air flight here as if unsure that they really were being set free. They broke into smiles, however, when they realized that they would soon be on their may head to fairn under the concrusion of the their way back to Cairo under the supervision of the international Committee of the Red Cross.

Offer rejected Killer storm

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part, agod nine, is well after having a healthy son by

Sen Salvadar (Renter) - The Hessian (AP) - A tornado killed two people as it cut a likk-mile path through the flat countryside of south-central

Cholera aid

Brussels (Reuter) - The European Community has given £325,000 of emergency and to fight a cholera epidemic in Angola and Zambia.

Private launch

Cape Canaveral (Renter) - A US company has launched a five-tonne communications satellite bere

Angry scenes | Moscow calls for new limit on Western forces

By Michael Evans Defence Correspondent

The Soviet Union has told Nato governments that it wants all Western forces in Central Europe, including the German Bundeswehr, limited to 750,000, according to dip-lomatic sources yesterday.

With the next round of the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks starting in Vienna today, Moscow's new position has come as a surprise, especially after the agreement reached in Ottawa last month for Soviet and American forces in Central Europe to be set at 195,000. Nato thought that put paid to the manpower problem.

It was stressed that Moscow had not tabled the 750,000 figure as a formal proposal in Vienna. But informally Moscow has let Nato know that it still wants a ceiling on all troops, with each side re-stricted to 750,000.

This is intended to embrace not just Nato stationed forces in West Germany. Moscow's clear aim is also to cut the size of the German federal armed forces, now totalling about 490,000, the diplomatic sources said. Undoubtedly the Soviet Union has in mind the prospects of imminent German reunification.

Nato has always resisted attempts to include manpower in the CFE talks. The only concession was the decision by President Bush to limit American forces to 195,000 in Central Europe, with an extra 30,000 in Britain, Italy, Turkey and Greece. Nato delegates at the Vi-

Defence cuts: Sparks fly as a workman near Frankfurt dismantles the turret of an American-built West German M48 enna talks are hoping that regime. The Warsaw Pact into tractors or bulldozers. Moscow will eventually drop countries have yet to respond. Diplomatic sources said the its insistence on imposing a

ceiling on all troops. As the negotiators begin their sixth round of talks and the second year - Nato delegates will table detailed proposals for destroying equipment covered by the talks. At the end of the last round, on February 22, Nato tabled proposals for the verification and inspection

The alliance's proposals on destruction, also tabled before any moves made by the Warsaw Pact negotiators, make it clear that the 40,000 or so tanks which the Soviet Union will have to withdraw must be irreparably damaged. Although it may be possible

for a tank's tracks to be salvaged for civilian use, there

most sensitive parts of a tank, the turret and gun, would have to be cut up and the hull would have to be damaged hicles, apparently without

sufficiently to ensure it could not be turned back into a military vehicle. It will be the same for artillery and armed

"The destruction has got to

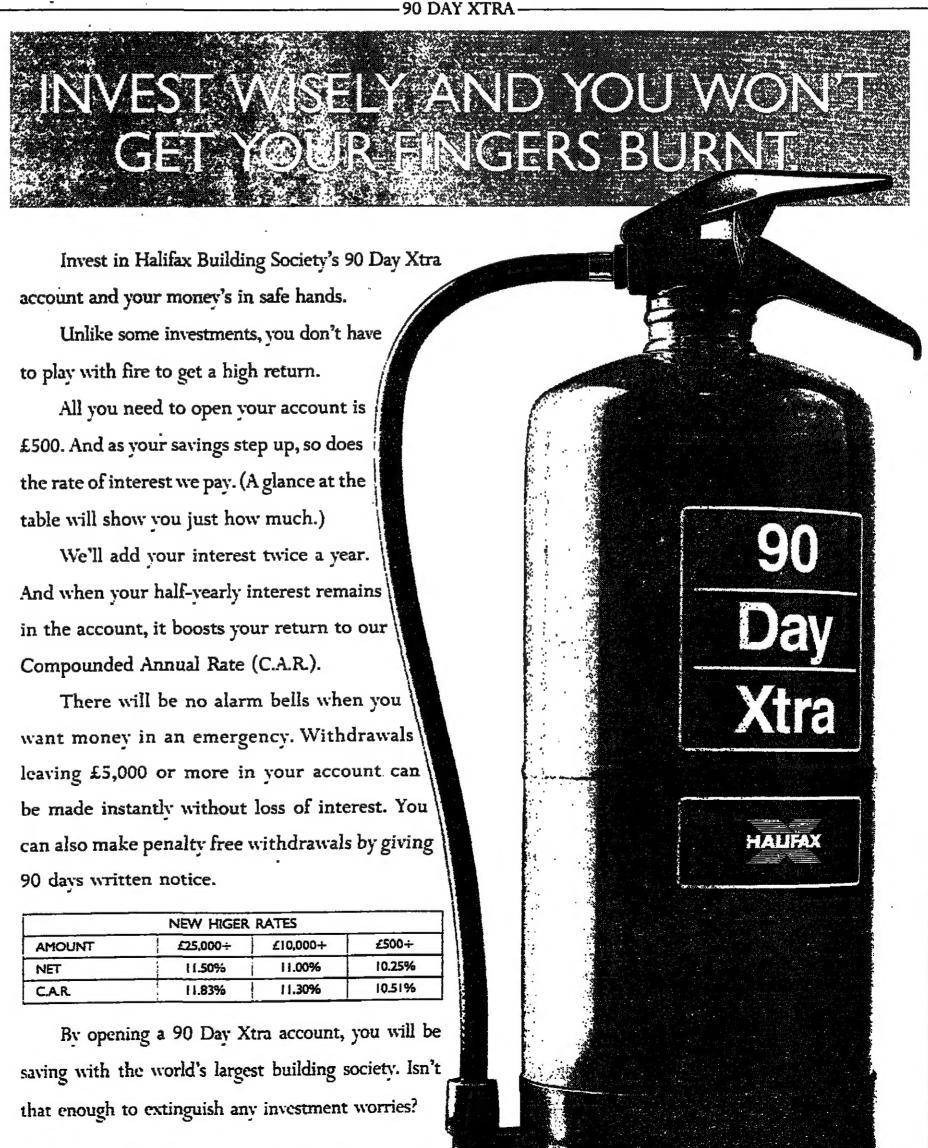
indicated their willingness to only about 2,000 tanks, the accept a rigorous destruction regime. The Soviet Union and East Germany have tried to convert tanks into farm ve-

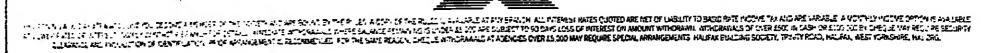
Nato is also to propose that each country should have a fixed number of facilities probably military rather than commercial — for carrying out the destruction of equipment.

the Soviet Union, will need a large number of facilities

Nato delegates expect combat aircraft to remain one of the key problems in Vienna. The Soviet Union still insists on excluding air defence air-craft. However, the Vienna delegates are confident of reaching agreement by the autumn, in time for a treaty signing in November.

90 DAY XTRA





South Africa cuts defence spending to help blacks

Cape Town (Renter) - South covert operations including Africa, switching its budget the shadowy Civil Co-operaresources from security to social welfare, announced deep cuts in defence spending yesterday, and improvements in housing and education for its black majority.

Mr Barend du Piessis, the Finance Minister, said in Parliament: "It is in everybody's interest that a more acceptable and better-balanced situation in South Africa with all pos-

Mr du Plessis outlined a swing from beavy security spending to social welfare programmes designed mainly to benefit blacks. He said his proposals were in line with President de Klerk's apartheid

Stockholm - Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, will hold talks today with Mr Nelson Mandela in which the deputy ANC leader will seek support for intensified sanc-tions against South Africa opher Mosey writes). Mr Kinnock arrived yesterday at the invitation of the ruling Social Democratic Party.

reforms and his promise of a new South Africa with equal rights and opportunities for

"This budget ... combines a a dynamic action aimed ... at buttressing the new South Africa with a sound and growing economy," he said.

The biggest changes insaid the increase reflected a rand, terms, when set against infla- aries for police. tion of 15 per cent and accounting policy changes that would make the Defence Ministry responsible for social costs previously borne by other ministries.

budget was allocated to the ment to repay its foreign debt, Special Defence Account, a precluded a rundown of the

investigated for the alleged assassination of anti-apart-

Mr du Plessis set aside two billion rand from a six billion rand tax windfall for social projects due to be specified by Mr de Klerk soon. These would help tackle backlogs in housing and education resultwith regard to living and other ing from years of policy that standards should come about favoured whites, he said.

He said not all such back-logs could be blamed on apartheid, "but it is none the less true that certain measures originating in the political aims of the past contributed to certain economic backlogs".

He allocated 150 million rand for capital spending to help black schools eliminate backlogs, and 100 million rand for the promotion of Spending on housing, mainly for blacks, would rise from 917 million rand to 1.46 billion rand, and total spend-ing on education would rise from 11.8 billion to 13.3

Finance ministry officials said the effective increase in spending on black education would rise by 17.6 per cent to 4.9 billion rand, while white education would go up 8.5 per cent to 5.53 billion rand. The number of new approaches in Government still spends about five times more on every white child than on each black child, but the gap has been slightly narrowed.

Responding to a nationwide cluded a break with years of increase in political violence escalating defence spending to and police manpower short hold the armed services to an ages, Mr du Plessis said spendincrease of 1.3 per cent to ing on the police would rise by 10.07 billion rand. Officials 14.7 per cent to 2.9 billion with further adjust-1.8 billion rand cut in real ments later to improve sal-

nothing less than a new way of life so far as our economic activities are concerned," he said. Anti-apartheid restrictions on borrowing abroad More than half the defence and South Africa's commit secret fund used to finance current account surplus.

Woman leads pack in gruelling race across Alaska



Sesan Batcher and her team o huskies yesterday had a stim lead in the graelling Iditared Trail Sled Dog Ruce from Anchorage to Norme in Alaska. Butcher, who has won the 1,160-rate race three times, ed the previous leader Lavon Barre, this week. Since the race started 10 days ago, however, she has lost at least

When the sledders, known as amshers, left a checkpoint on the Yukon River earlier this week, Barve was about four hours ahead of her and of Joe Runyan, the defending

The trail follows a res

mised to stay in first piace or the rest of the journey after being given \$2,500 (£1,560).

US plan for Middle East peace in balance

Religious parties wooed as Shamir faces key vote

From Richard Owen

The fates of Mr Yitzhak Shamir and the US-sponsored Middle East peace process hang in the balance today when the Knesset is due to vote on a motion of no-confidence in the Israeli Prime Minister.

The crisis arose last Sunday when Mr Shamir refused to hold a vote in the coalition Cabinet on American terms for talks with a Palestinian delegation in Cairo on elections in the occupied territories.

Yesterday Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, and other senior figures in his party, paid court to the black-coated rabbis who head Israel's religious parties, which hold the balance of power.

If enough religious deputies side with Labour, Mr Shamir will fall. But he and other senior ministers "These things constitute from his right-wing Likud Party were equally assiduous in their attentions to the Orthodox Jewish groups yesterday. Labour can mus-ter 55 votes, with its left-wing allies, while Likud and the right have 47 seats. Both need 61 votes in the 120member Knesset to gain a majority
- hence the significance of the

religious parties' 18 seats. The Orthodox leaders, some of whom only recently emerged from the synagogues into the raucous arena of politics, professed themselves "uncomfortable" at having the fate of the Government and the peace

process thrust upon them. None the less they bargained with both sides yesterday, demanding stricter observance of Jewish law and increased funds for religious education as the price of their support. Knesset officials said the result today would be a "close call".

Labour ministers left the coalition on Tuesday after Mr Peres had been sacked by Mr Shamir for "trying to undermine the Government" and form a new coalition devoted to a more radical peace settlement with the Palestinians.

Labour petitioned the High Court to have the vote of no-confidence brought forward from today, but failed. Because the dismissal of ministers only takes effect 48 hours later, a vote yesterday would have enabled the Labour ministers to retain their posts in the subsequent caretaker Government, which could last for months.

As it is, even if Mr Shamir is

in power for the transitional period untrammelled by coalition constraints. Labour fears Mr Shamir would then move fast to place new obstacles in the way of future peace talks, for example by building new Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza in defiance of US threats

to withhold economic aid. This week, Mr David Levy, Mr Shamir's deputy and a leader of the

Jerusalem (AP) - The US has offered a new air defence missile for sale to Israel, but it is not interested a military official said yesterday. He described the Patriot weapon as "o of the best anti-aircraft units" in the world, but added that its anti-ballistic missile uses were limited.

right-wing rebellion within Likud against the American peace plan, laid the cornerstone for a new Jewish suburb of 8,000 flats in east Jerusalem, despite Washington's objection that that part of the city is occupied land under international law and therefore subject to future

Mr Levy said the US should not regard the new suburb as a "provocome and governments go, but the building of Jerusalem will continue

Mr Peres, who hopes to form a Shamir loses today, said there would never be peace in the Middle East as long as Mr Shamir was Prime

Mr Shamir blamed Labour for the crisis, telling a meeting of the Likud Knesset faction that both Labour and Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, bad departed from the Israeli plan for Palestinian elections, agreed by the coalition last May, and had clearly intended to involve the PLO in the talks.

An opinion poll in the ma circulation daily, Yedioth Ahar-onoth, showed Israelis evenly divided, with 35 per cent supporting Likud and 36 per cent backing Labour. The paper said both sides were to blame for the crisis, and had let Israel down at a crucial moment in its history, when peace talks with the Palestinians were within grasp for the first time since the Jewish state was founded 42 years ago. Bush letter: President Bush has

written to Mr Teddy Kollek, the

pears to be an attempt to damp down the political storm over Jewish settlements in east Jerusalem (Daniel Treisman writes).

Israeli politicians reacted angrely to recent comments by Mr Bush condemning the Israeli settlements built on territory in the eastern part of the city occupied by Israel after the 1967 Six Day War.
About 120,000 Jews now live in

strategically-placed annexed suburbs which almost completely sur-round the city's 150,000 Palestinian In the letter, made public by Mr

Koliek at a press conference yesterday in London, President Bush does not retract his earlier comments and he emphasizes that all sides should be "avoiding steps that could prejudice the prospects for . . .

But the President reiterates the US position that "Jerusalem must never again be a divided city" and that its status "should be decided by

Mr Kollek said that he was very pleased by the letter, which he hoped

Socialist power games leave French unmoved

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

As the party faithful gather in the succession will be con-Rennes today for the congress tested. Some, like the veteran of France's ruling Socialists, a activist M Jean Poperen, have barbed cartoon underlines the no hope of winning the leadership but, in established French vast indifference of many of the voters who put them into political tradition, seek to power. It shows three of the damage the prospects of candidates they dislike most. leading politicians now jockeying for the eventual succession to President Mitterrand himping on crutches through a crowd of people with their

backs turned. "How terrible," reads the caption in Le Canard Enchaîné, "the French could not care less!" To judge by a pre-conference poll, even hard-core militants seem to have lost much of their fire, with more than a quarter of those questioned admitting that they have no candidate in mind for the key post of party secretary. Recent local election results indicating that the French are steadily losing enthusiasm for the Socialists complete a picture that is hardly guaranteed to get proceedings at Rennes started with a swing.

For all the public apathy, there could be enough drama to leave the floor spattered with blood as those trying President Mitterrand's shoes for size begin the skirmishing. The confident assumption that he will not stand for a third term in 1995 (when he will be almost 80) has already begun to undermine the discipline that previously held the party together under the great man's eagle eye.

No fewer than seven promment party men will present alternative platforms setting out battle lines under which Michel Rocard, whose staying in my own image."

Prime Minister.

Thus, supporters of M Laurent Fabius — former Prime Minister, fallen star — are thirsting for revenge on M Pierre Mauroy, whom he re-



M Rocard: Staying power has surprised his rivals.

but who subsequently defeated him in an acrimonious contest for the first secretary's post. M Mauroy now seems to be heading for re-election, and no doubt has plans to blight the prospects of this particular

In that, he can bank on support from M Lionel Jospin, the Education Minister, who ran the party throughout M Mitterrand's first spell in the Elysée Palace. Then there is M

power has disagreeably surprised rivals who initially dismissed him as stop-gap

Although it is clear that the public has rather taken to M Rocard, his centrist inclinations do not please the Socialists' militant tendency.

M Rocard has a fierce desire

for the Elysée, and naturally hopes divisions within the Mitterrand magic circle will let him through on the rails -especially if the President decides not to complete this term. M Rocard can take some encouragement from the poor showing of another potential M Jean-Pierre Chevenement, the Defence Minister, who is beginning to sound like a Gaullist with leftwing inclinations.

It would be wholly out of character for M Mitterrand to show his hand. There have been moments when he seemed positively to relish juggling with the hopes of those who would replace him. Sly hims of preference for one candidate are followed by "authorized" leaks that quite another is the front-runner or, maliciously, that no-one has what it takes to succeed him.

The result is to encourage infighting, as events at Rennes are likely to demonstrate. Another of Le Canard's cartoons says it all: while Mauroy, Fabius, Rocard and Jospin are brawling below, the godlike Mitterrand floats on a heavenly cloud, gazing into a mirror as he declares: "I should never have made man

Suicide of therapist who survived death camps

child therapist who became one of the great figures of postwar psychology, has commit-ted suicide at the age of 86.

In killing himself, he followed Primo Levi, the Italian writer, and other survivors of Nazi death camps whose emotional suffering led them to put an end to their own lives decades after being liberated.

The Viennese-born psychoanalyst was found by staff at his Maryland nursing home with a plastic bag over his

Dr Bettelheim, a profound thinker whose insights into the human condition had been moulded by a year and a half spent in the concentration camps of Buchenwald and Dachau, rose to international prominence after the war as a pioneer in the treatment of autistic children.

In 30 years at the celebrated Orthogenic School at the University of Chicago, he promoted "an attitude of respectfulness and hopefulness for children who have been outcasts of society", as Dr Jacquelyn Sanders, the school's director, said in a

tribute yesterday. Stern and often crusty, Dr Bettelheim preached a gentle creed based on the virtues of tolerance and self-control by parents.

He attracted some disapproval from his own generation in the 1960s for his tolerance of student radicals. Two years ago he summed up his life's work in A Good

From Charles Bremner, New York Dr Bruno Bettelheim, the believed that children were aware and try to cope with the innately good.

Along with the compassion and wisdom expressed in works such as his Love is Not Enough and The Uses of Enchantment, Dr Bettelheim remained afflicted throughout his life by the pain of the death camp survivor, a condition he wrote and spoke about after

his arrival in America in 1939. The Nazis released him that year under pressure from Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt and US

In 1943, he shocked many Jews with an essay which held that "ghetto thinking" by the Jewish race was partially responsible for bringing down the Holocaust.

Like Levi, who killed himself in 1987, and Jean Amery, the Austrian philospher who

He suffered agonies of guilt and incomprehension over surviving the Holocaust 9

committed suicide in 1978, he suffered agonies of guilt and incomprehension over surdie by their own hands after their liberation.

In 1979, Dr Bettelheim wrote that "one group of survivors allowed their experience to destroy them; another tried to deny it any lasting his life's work in A Good impact; a third engaged in a Enough Parent, saying he lifelong struggle to remain

most terrible, but nevertheless occasionally realized, dimensions of man's existence".

Dr Bettleheim clearly considered himself in that third group, but at the very end he gave up what he often said was a lifelong struggle to "invest life with meaning".

Yesterday, his friends recalled the thoughts of the earlier victims, whose otherwise productive lives were haunted and eventually doomed by the shadow of the camps. After Levi threw himself into a stairwell in Rome, Miss Natalia Ginzburg, his poet friend, said he had been killed by his memories. Levi saw himself as bearing the shame of the survivor, rather as the Ancient Mariner who could not rest because "Since then, at an uncertain hour,

That agony returns". Amery foretold his own death, saying: "Anyone who has suffered torture never again will be able to be at ease in the world."

In The Ultimate Limit, written two decades ago, Dr Bettelheim sketched the rationale for his own suicide. "So intricately, so inextricably interwoven are death and vival, an emotion that led life's meaning that when life hundreds of camp inmates to seems to have lost all meaning, suicide seems the inescapable consequence."

• WASHINGTON: East Germany has donated a collection of Nazi-era artefacts and documents to the Holocaust museum being built

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Bhutto urges new Afghan initiative

mahad - Miss Benszir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, is seeking a new Soviet initiative to solve the Afghan problem including the formation of a broad-based anvernment acceptable to all sections of the Afghan people (Zahid Hussain writes).

She told a press conference here yesterday that recent

events in Afrikanistan indicated a new opportunity for the solution of long-standing Afghan problems. She called on the Soviet Union to revise its policy on Afghanistan in the aftermath of the recent military uprising in Kabul, saying.
"The Soviets should not favour any party in the conflict." She asked Moscow to withdraw its support from Dr Najibullah's regime in Kabul. She denied that her Government was involved in the coup attempt against Dr

Riding high in Texas



cowboy who has pledged to run his state like his ranch has overwhelmingly won the race for the Republican Party's nomination for governor of Texas (Susan Ellicott writes). Mr Clayton Wil-liams, left, who prides him-self on being shod in cowboy boots, spent an estimated \$6 million (£3.75 million) of his vast oil fortune on a cam-paign that included a barrage of slick television advertisements across the state that President Bush has adopted

Mongolia challenge

Ulan Bator (Renter) — The powerful trade unions in Mongolia threatened yesterday to divorce themselves from the country's beleaguered communist party in what officials and diplomats said was a serious blow to its weakening grip on power. The challenge was issued as the 240-strong Central Committee of the People's Revolutionary Party met for a third day and prepared for a late-night vote expected to accept the resignation of their leader, Mr Zhambyn Batmunkh, and the seven-man Politburo. Mr Batmunkh, a cantious reformer who has led the Mongolian party since cautious reformer who has led the Mongolian party since 1984, proposed the mass resignation on Monday under pressure from newly formed opposition parties inspired by the dramatic political changes in Eastern Europe.

Dilemma for doctors

Hong Kong — Public health care administrators here are watching helplessly as medical and nursing staff resign (Jonathan Braude writes). Poorly paid government doctors are focking to the private sector, and allegedly stepping up fees, in what many believe is their only chance of earning the fees, in what many peneve is their only chance of earning the price of a passport before the territory reverts to rule by rich ain 1997. An informal survey suggested 99 per cent of government doctors wished to emigrate before the

Australian told to go

Port Moresby (Reuter) — Rebels now in control of Bougainville ordered an Australian to leave at gunpoint yesterday as tensions increased on the South Pacific island, an Australian diplomat here said. A foreign affairs spokesman in Canberra confirmed that Mr Barry spokesman in canonia to leave when rebels accused Middlems new poet for a Papua New Guinea newspaper alleging that lawlessness was rife on the island, completely in alleging that new controls was the out the manu, completely in the hands of the Bougainville Revolutionary Army as a result of the withdrawal of government forces on Monday.

Brazilians pin their hopes on sporting new President

From Mac Margolis Brasilia

Brazil's youngest President and the first to be directly elected in three decades takes office today amid hopes of a new era of democratic freedoms and fears over an econ-omy torn by runaway inflation.

Senhor Fernando Collor de Mello, aged 40, the former governor of a poor north-eastern state, turned a revolt against inefficiency and corruption in government into a startling victory in last December's presidential contest. Senhor Collor, the scion of a

wealthy, landed political clan, inher-

its a convincing mandate, but also a

country on the brink of hyper-

inflation and a society deeply dis-enchanted with its political leaders.

the futuristic building of Congress, where his tiny National Reconstruction Party holds a fraction of seats.

The new Government is expected to announce a series of sweeping reforms tomorrow, including a mas-sive reduction of the outsized bureaucracy, the sale or outright closure of money-losing state enterprises, and possibly massive layoffs. The reforms are needed drastically to reduce inflation, now approaching 80 per cent a month, or more than 2,500 per cent a year.

Senhor Collor, a black belt in karate, has vowed to deliver a "karate chop" to inflation, slashing the price spiral to less than 10 per cent a month in the first 90 days of his Government. As if to emphasize sportsman, has posed for Brasilia's press corps in recent weeks in a series of rigorous activities. He piloted a jet ski machine on the city's northern lake and challenged a congressional crony to a drag race

on a motorcycle, Senhor Collor won that race, but the contest against inflation may be a tougher one. He will need the approval of Congress to implement most of the measures, especially privatization of public companies and laying off public employees.

So far, most of Congress appears to have signed on to the Collor bandwagon. "Everybody wants to

be close to the new prince," said

Scuhor Walder de Goes, a political

scientist. But, as in the case of

neighbouring Argentina, where President Menem had - and squandered - a honeymoon in his first months of government, Senhor Collor's spell over tenured polinicians may be shortlived.

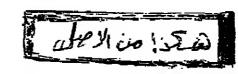
Already, the anticipated eco-nomic measures have sent jitters throughout the Brazilian financial world. To dampen speculation, the outgoing Government of President Sarney on Tuesday declared a threeday public holiday. The measure froze deposits and headed off a possible run on the banks by worried investors. The move was also taken to halt a wave of monetary speculation in recent weeks which has caused a rush to the black-market

dollar and gold. "We wanted to guarantee calm and preserve the popular economy so that the measures of the next Government can be announced in absolute tranquillity," said Senhora Zelia Cardoso de Mello, Senhor Collor's Minister of the Economy.

Nevertheless, the holiday caught most Brazilians by surprise, and many rushed out to electronic banking stations to stock up on cash. Despite the worries, opinion polls Brazilians are optimistic about the

Collor Government and in accord

with the new President's expected reforms. "Collor has managed to convince the people that, finally, someone is charge here," said Senhor Amaury de Souza, a business



The decision of the Irish Supreme Court not to extradite to Northern Ireland two men who escaped from the Maze prison was disturbing and difficult to understand, Mr Peter Brooks, Serretary of State for Northern Ireland, said in the Commons.

Responding to a private notice question shout the case, he said that the decision was "an unacceptable slur on the professionalism of the men and women of the Northern Ireland prison service".

He said that the Government was ceply disappointed. Details of the indgement were not yet available, but he believed the main ground of appeal was that the prisoners' rights would be infringed by the treatment they would be thought likely to receive in the prison system of Northern Ireland.

prison, and the conditions through-out the prison system in Northern Ireland, were widely regarded as among the best in Europe.

The British and Irish governments were pledged to ensure that effective arrangements were in place for dealing with fugitive offenders. Extradition was a virul factor.

"Our principal concern, shared with the Irish Government, is that the system as a whole should work effectively, as well as fairly. We shall be pursuing this with the Irish Government."

Mr James Kilfedder (North Down, UPUP), who asked the private notice question, said that the decision had caused widespread anger and dismay, particularly for the people of Northern Ireland who had suffered for 22 years.

campaign to bomb Northera Ireland into an all-Ireland republic. Mr Brooke should ask the Prime Minister to have an urgent meeting Mr Brooke should ask the Prime Minister to have an urgent meeting with the Prime Minister of the Irish Republic (Mr Haughey) to ensure that the next six wanted men would be committed from the Irish Republic to face justice in the UK.

Mr Brooke said that he was at one with Mr Kilfedder. with Nir Amenger.

Until the judgement had been stadled, comment on the effect it would have on other cases would be speculative. If the judgement affected cases involving Maze escapers, the immediate hapact would be limited, because there were nother than the Frish courts.

Maze cases before the Irish courts.

legal claim.

That judgement had discredited all the assurances of the Anglo-Irish agreement. It provided grounds for yesterday's decision by the Supreme Court, which felt that, having established its legal claim (to Northern Ireland), it was free to argue that it could not be expected to transfer prisoners from one part of its territory to another.

Mr. Brooks said that he could see

Mr Brooke said that he could see no basis for the assertion that in the light of that indgement [about a united Ireland] the Irish authorities Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said

that the failure to extradite a suspected terrorist. Mr Ryan, last year and to extradite yesterday two convicted terrorists revealed "in the most awful way" the unsatisfactory nature of the extradition arrange-ments with the repubic. Mr Brooke said that the dis-

appointment yesterday must be set appointment yesterday must be set against the generally satisfactory working of the extradition ar-rangements. rangements.

Mr Patrick Duffy (Sheffield,
Atterciffe, Lab) said that the judiciary was independent of the
Executive and the Supreme Court
was specifically obliged to protect
the constitutional rights of citizens.

The Part Fifthers McCone Onlide

The Rev William McCres (Mid Ulster, DUP) said that the judgement had given great succour and joy to the terrorist organization.

ists had been convicted of terrorizing people along the border. "What happened yesterday was another kick in the teeth for her Majesty's

respect the independence of the judiciary of the Irish Republician exactly the same way as we would expect of them to respect the independence of the independence of

Mr Geruld Remingham (St Hel-ens South, Lab) said that mull they knew the exact reasons and the raison d'être they could not take it forward constructively. It would be wiser to know the reasons so that discussions could take place with the

Mr Iven Learnence (Burton, C) said that if terrorists were to get the impression that courts were learning

on their side, what chance was there for defeating them? Mr Brooke: If anything is seen to

Mr Brooke: If anything is seen to encourage murder in any part of the world, we would regret that.

Mr Kevis McNamara, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, said that they shared the surprise and disappointment at the decision. However, the courts must remain impartial, detached and free from necessare.

Was Mr Brooke considering whether the Criminal Law Jurisdic-tion Act could be invoked? Mr Brooke said that extra-terri-torial prosecution was a matter for the Attorney General, who would consider it when the full judgement

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Overnight sitting ends amid 'scenes of grave disorder'

disorder", Tuesday's sitting of the Commons ended at 1.30 pm, 23

hours after it had begun. Labour MPs used a variety of procedural devices in an attempt to prolong the sitting to wipe out Wednesday's session.

MPs had spent the night on the first day of the report stage of the National Health Service and Community Care Bill. When the Government sought to end the debate at 10.30am, Opposition MPs made clear their objections and the protests and points of order continued to a further three hours until the Speaker adjourned the House.

Mr Tim Renton, the Government Chief Whip, announced that a guillotine is to be in-troduced to ensure that the Bill completes its remaining stages by Thursday, as it had originally planned. His proposal was described by Labour as a

At 10.35am, nearly 18 hours after the report stage had started, Mr Tom Sackville, a Government whip, moved the motion to adjourn the debate.

Mr Cook said that he was surprised the motion had been moved now. If it had been moved to save MPs from a night out of bed, he would have

But to move it now was surprising. They should at least continue until they came to the hours. It would be instructive for the House to debate the Bill for as long as junior doctors were expected to work at week-ends, from 9am on Friday through until 5pm on Monday.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bois-over, Lab) said that debate was being curtailed to prevent an dment being discussed on the list of 30 or so Conservative MPs who had connections with private medicine.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) said that if the Government brought in a timetable motion, Labour MPs would bring Parliament to a halt. The public ought to know about what was going on in the between Tory MPs and private medicine. Mr Max Madden (Bradford

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they reached that amendment, the 30 MPs who had an interest in private medicine should not be eligible to vote on the motion for a guillotine.

Mr Cook said that the way Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, had described Opposition tactics in the committee stage of the Bill went beyond the bounds of behaviour that was acceptable between

"So long as he holds office of the Crown he will never again get agreement from me for any House. He is not a man who can be trusted with any agreement"

(Labour cheers). Mr Clarke said that Mr Cook might be wounded by his candid description of his performance in committee, and the quality of the arguments that he had produced, but he (Mr Clarke) was entitled to those opinions,

and he was sticking to them. Mr Cook said that among important matters still to be discussed was the situation of carers who served society so

Mr Clarke intervened to say that once MPs had got past New Clause I (dealing with preserving the right to income support for elderly people in residential homes), the Opposition had set

out on a filibuster. adjourn the debate was carried by 254 votes to 169 - Government majority, 85.

Mr Renton then announced that later today there would be a timetable motion on the Bill and that the report stage would be completed today. The third reading of the Bill would be

Mr Cook said that this deeply unpopular Bill now threaten to damage democracy and the House itself, there was to be no opportunity for proper debate on important issues. There were 40 new clauses and 212 new amendments. One hundred of the amendments were govern-

ment proposals. Mr Renten said there was no question of the timetable's damaging democracy or the

there had been an agreement between the front benches that the report stage and third read-ing would last two-and-a-half days. Between 5am and 11.30am Mr Cook had spoken for three hours, nearly half the time available.

Mr Tem Clarke, Opposition spokesman on personal social services, on a point of order, said that there never had been an agreement between the front benches about the length of the

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Cacruar-fon, Pi Cymru) then declared that strangers were present in the House.

The Speaker, as required by tanding order, put the question, that strangers do withdraw. After the division had been proceeding for some minutes over the expected length of time, the Speaker said: I direct the

Serjeant at Arms to inquire why there is delay in the divisions. Without further explanation the tellers returned a few minutes later and the result declared: the strangers motion was lost by 190 votes to 2 -

government majority, 188. Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, Lib Dem) then presented a petition from some of his constituents against the

Before he had a chance to deposit the petition in the bag behind the Speaker's chair, Mr Stephen Dorrell, a Government whip, moved that the House should adjourn. Miss Emma Nicholson (West Devon and Torridge, C) rose to open the 30-

Harold McCusker, the Ulster Several other Labour and

Plaid Cymru MPs rose to try to put points of order. The Speaker then said: I adjourn for grave disorder in the

Letters, page 13 He said that the Govern-



Lady Trampington, Minister of State, Agriculture, visiting Littlefield Manor Farm, near Guildford, Surrey, yesterday. The farm has received one of the ministry's farm diversification grants, enabling it to begin work with horses.

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Labour outraged by guillotine

However, Mr Skinner insisted and Community Care Bill was on a point of order that he wished to move the writ for the by-election at Upper Bann, vacant because of the death of Mr Cheefer the Linear Health and Linear Health and Cheefer the Linear Health and Linear Health motion was debated. It was a doctrine, he said, of which the nation was heartily sick.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, had moved a timetable motion to end the report stage at midnight and to allow three hours for the third Leading article, page 13 reading debate tomorrow.

minute adjournement debate on the guillotine motion curtailing the subject of women's gynaeco-logical privacy.

The guillotine motion curtailing to avoid a guillo-consideration of one of the most time had been demonstrated by important pieces of legislation its generous provision of time placed before the House in the its generous provision of time for discussion on the Bill and everything appeared to be going well until the Opposition de-cided to reverse the extremely sensible conduct it had followed

> Mrs Alice Mahon (Halifax, Lab) intervened to say that, far from being satisfied with the progress of the Bill in com-mittee, she was "bloody mad"

Mr Patrick Cornsack (South Staffordshire, C) said that no one could really pretend that the motion would allow adequate would be 253 minutes to depart 252 amendments. Some 100 some could really pretend that the motion would allow adequate would be put to the House in one go. There was no parallel

20 years he had been an MP. Mr Clarke said that motion would enable MPs to proceed in a perfectly reasonable fashion.
There had been two days of second reading debate, and more than 100 hours in com-

mittee. The Government was now trying to make up for injury time caused by the fillibuster. Mr Cook said that there would be 285 minutes to debate

The Bill had been conceived in secrecy and discussed by ministers behind closed doors.

They took no evidence and had not issued a Green Paper to stimulate debate. The Bill was as unpopular as the poll tax Bill at the same point in its passage through Parliament.

Democracy would take its revenge on the Government at the next general election for rushing the Bill through the House it would be rejected along with the Government when the electorate had its

Three-vote defeat for ministers over old people's care

The following report of later speeches during the first day of the report stage of the National Health Service and Community Care Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government was defeated by three votes on an Opposition proposal requiring it to meet in fell the cost of keeping very elderly people on income support in residential bomes.

An Opposition new clause to the National Health Service and Community Care Bill was carried by 256 votes to 253 during the first day of the report stage. But, in a second division on the technical motion to add the clause to the Bill, the voting was 246 to 219 — Government majority, 27. After the announcement of the division results, Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health, said that they would return to the issue on the Social Security Bill

Moving the new clause earlier, he aid that it obliged the Department of Social Security (DSS) to pay enough income support to elderly people to allow them to meet the fees of private residential homes. Mr Cook added

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People fell into a trap. They entered a home with an assurance that the DSS would meet the charges through income support, but now they were being short changed.

He cited the case of one man, aged 9th, who was not out of a home where

90, who was put out of a home where the charges increased more quickly than the increase in income support. Seven weeks later, he had died. How could they allow such a man — e confused, too disoriented to know what was happening - to be evicted because the benefit was not sufficient?

According to different studies, two tiers of accommodation were emerg-ing in the private residential sector. Virtually 90 per cent of homes offered The liability to pay was on the esident, not the relative, and the relatives themselves were often el-derly and retired pensioners. It was a cause of anxiety and stress to relatives who had no idea how long the situation would continue.

Miss Ann Widdecombe (Maid-stone, C) said that there were two reasons for the distortion between the reasons for the distortion between the charges levied by homes and the level of income support: the immense rise in interest rates that meant enormous sums being paid by homes to service capital investment, and the wholly justifiable rise in nurses' pay.

The Government's policy of trying to close larger mental hospitals was jeopardized because people in such hospitals could not be discharged as they had nowhere to go. Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab)

said that they were talking of people who had been through two world wars, had never been unemployed and always paid rates and taxes, and believed that they had a contract that when they needed to go into a home, faced with the bill. Sir Dudley Smith (Warwick and The 33 Tories who voted against the Government in the first division were: Rupert Allason (Torbay), Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak), Vivian Bendall (Iliford, North), Michael Colvin (Romsey and Waterside), Patrick Cormack (South Staffs), Stephen Day (Cheadle), Timothy Devlin (Stockton, South). George Gardiner (Reigate), Sir Philip Goodhart (Beckenham), John Greenway (Ryedale), Peter Griffiths (Portsmouth, north) Jeremy Hayes (Harlow), Sir John Hunt (Ravensbourne), Sir Charles Irving (Cheltenham), Dame Illl Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston), Sir Anthony Meyer (Clywd, North West), Mrs Elizabeth Peacock (Batley and Spen), Sir David Price (Eastleigh), Tim Rathbone (Lewes), Roger Sims (Chislehurst), Sir Dudley Smith (Warwick and Leamington), Tony Speller (North Devon), Robin Squire (Hornchurch), Teddy Taylor (Southend East), Peter Temple-Morris (Leominster), Malcolm Thornton (Crosby), Bowen Wells (Hertford and Stortford), Miss Ann Widdecombe (Maidstone), Mrs Ann Winterton (Congleton), Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield), Mark Wolfson (Sevenoaks), Michael Woodcock (Ellesmere Port and Neston), Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton). Woodcock (Ellesmere Port and Neston), Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton).

Mr Andrew Rowe (Mid Kent, C) said that he would be astonished if the Government accepted the clause. There was no way of preventing Mr Alfred Morris, Opposition pokesman on the disabled, said that

required looking at or they would end ap with a lot of satanic geriatric wards and unpleasant homes. The wellbeing of thousands of old people had to be extreme distress, not only to residents but also to relatives, often poor and disabled, who were approached to make up the difference.

Sir Authory Grant (South West Cambridgeshire, C) said that it could not be right that elderly people should find themselves in an undignified, worrying situation.

Mr Roger Sints (Chislehurst, C) said that he was surprised and disappointed at the failure of the Government to deal with the problem.

what are the Government going to

Mr Tony Newton, Secretary of State for Social Security, said that the change from one system to another must be carried through in a phased and manageable way.

The new classe contained a substantial degree of open-ended commitment which would raise costs ll round. It would greatly rein an rosso. It would greatly remierce the so-called "percept incentive effects" attracting into homes people who might be better caree for in the community. Saying this was not at all to same as declining to recognize MPs' real concern.

He could give a number of under-takings which did not constitute specific commitments about what financial limits would be in place, but about the spirit in which he would approach the decisions.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C): Hang the phraseol-ogy of the new clause, can be accept the principle?

Mr Newton said that he could not give a sample guswer.

Move for Scottish health service watchdog fails

An attempt by the Opposition to set up a commission for the health service in Scotland was rejected by MPs during the alfnight sitting on the National Health Service and Community

lish a quality control commission to carry out investigations annually to ensure that standards were met.

The Opposition believed the Government's proposals would lead to a fragmented health

Moving a new clause to the reforms were in the interests of patients, it would agree with the vatization.

principle of quality control. It was for the Government to C) said that the new clause prove its claim that the changes it proposed would improve quality of service. No one in Scotland, patients, doctors, nurses or other workers, be-The new clause would estab-

Government's health service reforms were designed to give profits to large numbers of its friends and to shift the health Moving a new clause to profits to large numbers of its Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that if the Government genuinely believed that its commercial operation leading eventually to complete prieventually to complete pri-Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries,

amounted to a serious criticism of the area health boards. A new layer of bureaucracy was

service in Scotland. Mr Michael Forsyth, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said that it was remarkable that the Opposition had made no reference to the £60 million released as additional resources for health boards.

If the new clause were ac-cepted it would mean substantial additional costs for the health service which would be money diverted from patient Mrs Margaret Ewing (Moray, SNP) moved an amendment to by 215 votes to 87 — Governthe new clause, requiring the ment majority, 128. reform the tax system and the

Sweeping tax changes pledged

An attack on poverty by the next Labour government would be led by sweeping changes to tax and benefit systems, Lard Car-ter, speaking from the Oppo-sition front bench, said when opening a debate in the House of Lords calling artention to the Lords calling attention to the gap between rich and poor. He said that the top I per cent of taxpayers had gained £22,680 a head in 1988-89 as a result of

tax changes. That was more than the annual income of 95 per cent of people. In recent years, the nation had witnessed the most significant redistribution of economic wealth since the dissolution of the monasteries. The change in policy since 1979 had been dramatic, resulting in a lowering

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of the real value of benefits for vision for social security and "A Labour government will

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social security system. We will introduce a national minimum wage. That is the key to lifting the lowest paid out of income support." The tax system would be made fairer. The lower rate would be about 20 per cent and the top rate 50 per cent. National insurance would be replaced by a social insurance with a less regressive contribution custom.

Child benefit would be in-creased and the tax on workplace nurseries would be removed. Labour would restore the principle of collective pro-

reduce reliance on means-tested There would also be reform of

pensions, with restoration of the link between pensions and increased earnings, and pensions would be based on each individual's best 20 years' earnings.

There would also be a bonus on the basic pension at 75. Those who could not work ecause of disability would have

a guaranteed income. The Opposition were determined to restore social justice linked to collective provision. That was ethical socialism, or Lord Joseph (C) said that he took some responsibility for the economic strategy of the Conservative Government in 1979 and did not regret the effects.

The tax revenue from the top bracket had increased, jobs had increased and entrepreneurship Lady Fisher of Rednad (Lab)

But they were also contained that a dual labour market poverty than many.

The growth of that system had

widened the gap between rich and poor, with the Government having to subsidize low wages through income support instead on employers paying a decent

Right Rev. John Yates, said that mas and problems that they addressed. They were property owners, employers and for the most part they identified more with the haves than the have

But they were also closer to

Champion speaks for Rantzen

There was loud laughter at questions when Mr Nigel Griffiths, Opposition spokesman on consumer af-fairs, said that there was public concern at the failure to reappoint Miss Esther Rantzen to the National Con-

sumer Council He said that Mr Eric Forth, Under Secretary of State for Consumer Af-fairs, could not face the criticism which this consumer champion had articulated on behalf of millions of

Miss Rantzen was paying the price for supporting the Consumer Guarantees Bill, which people wanted overwhelmingly, and which Mr Forth was implacably opposed to.

Mr Forth: I am not of this public concern. Esther Rantzen has served three terms on the National Consumer Council and this is exceptional. I felt it was time for new blood and new

He said that, despite the fact that during her television programme Esther Rantzen invited people to write to their MPs expressing their concern about the Bill, he had

Harrods case raised again

The Government came under renewed presssure at question time over its reonse to the DTI report on the takeover of the House of Fraser by the Fayed

Opposition spokesman on the City, asked under what conditions it would operate of the Directors Disqualification Act if not in those re-

Mr John Redwood. Under Secretary of State for Corporate Affairs, de-clined to add to recent government statements on the affair. He said that it had been decided that it was not in the public interest to pursue this particular case.

Parish plan for London

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, Lib Dem) was given leave to bring in a Bill to allow parish and community councils to be set up in Greater

would create parish councils only in areas where they were wanted. "London, like everywhere else, is a collection of villages. It is not one metropolis." The parishes were needed to counter the present

He said that the Bill

"remoteness and alien-ation." They need not be bureaucratic. They might need one part-time clerk. Meetings could be held in local halls. Queries raised by Perrier

Information which came to light during the recent Per-rier water contamination incident had raised questions incident had raised questions about the labelling of the water and the Government is seeking clarification from the European Commission, Mr David Maclean, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, said in a written Commons repoly a written Commons reply. He said in another reply that the United Kingdom would be pressing for implementation of the EC proposal requiring mandatory declaration of analytical composition of arch water. position of such water.

Tunnel traffic assurance

The net extra traffic resultng from the Channel tunnel is not expected to be significant compared to foresignificant compared to tore-cast traffic growth gen-erally, Mr Robert Atkins, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said in a writ-ten Commons reply. Parliament today Commons (2.30): Ours-tions: Treasury, Prime Min-ister, National Health

Service and Community Care Bill, third reading. Private Lords (3): Courts and Le-

gal Services Bill, third

An heir to the Prince of Wets

olitical reputations are rarely made these days in a single debate, as when iain Macleod arrived with a first effort described as "not so much a maiden speech, more a brazen hussy of a speech". But David Hunt, named yesterday to take over as Secretary of State for Wales at the end of May, probably clinched his Cabinet place with a single speech in the finest of the old debating traditions.

On January 18, the Commons came to vote on Revenue Support Grant orders confirming administrative arrangements for the much-derided poll tax. A massive rebellion loomed, and it fell to Mr Hunt as the Minister of State at the Environment Department to wind-up in the highly charged

debate to a packed House.

Normally in such a situation ministers plough line by line through a prepared text, taking as few interruptions as they can get away with and ignoring almost completely the case advanced by

their opponents.
Coolly, Mr Hunt advanced to the Despatch Box without a note in his hand. His only aidemémoire was a list of the constituencies of the previous speakers propped on the table before him. Then, in a quiet, sometimes conversational tone he took up point by point the objections raised by the opponents of the community charge both during the earlier debate and by intervention during his speech.

It was the political equivalent of walking the high wire without a safety net, all the more surprising from a man who had spent many of his 13 years in the Commons in enforced silence as a whip. But it worked brilliantly. The Oppo-sition sat quietly, allowing themselves to be smothered by such reasonableness. Tory rebels were charmed by Mr Hunt's painstaking courtesy and detailed responses into turning votes against into abstentions and abstentions, in a few cases, into positive votes. And Mr Hunt was precipitated immediately into the pack of able, middle-rank ministers knocking at the Cabinet door.

David Hunt now makes it to the top table ahead of such obvious contenders as William Waldegrave, David Mellor, John Patten and Michael Portillo. And he is an appropriate successor in many ways to Peter Walker, apart from the useful qualification of having been born in Glynceriog, North

The links with Mr Walker are considerable and the best confirmation of the claims that Mr Walker's departure was amicable is that the departing minister has clearly helped to clinch the job for sor. Mr Hunt's prefer-

soulless new towns. But he has

never ceased to call for crusades

He talks eagerly of his Mersey-side boyhood and once made one

of the longest speeches in Par-

liament since the war, filibustering

to defeat a Bill which would have

ended the ferries across the Mer-

He will lay down his recently

acquired responsibility for inner

ment of the Environment he won

full control of the inner city

questions previously shared with

Cabinet Office team concerned drafted into his office, without any

evidence of departmental clashes.

And there, perhaps, is the dif-ference from Mr Walker. Peter

Walker likes to make a splash, David Hunt is the tidy political

Wettishness, indeed, almost cost Mr Hunt his political career.

In a youthful progress which reflected the fashion of the times

by taking him to chairmanship of

Council, he was dropped as

Conservative candidate for Plym-

wing fringe infiltration as a nat-

ional vice chairman of the Conser-

But since his ministerial career

voted for the restoration of capital

It was Mr Hunt who, as deputy

Chief Whip between the 1987

against Tory backbencher Mr

policemen and prison officers.

ther departments, and had the

against poverty.

DAVID HUNT

ment was announced in advance exceptionally - because Mr Walker wanted the news out before he went before the Welsh Grand Committee in the Com-

David Hunt is MP for Wirral West, where he succeeded in 1976 the former Speaker and Chancellor of the Exchequer Selwyn Lloyd. Selwyn Lloyd, whom he served as Parliamentary Private Secretary, was once Mr Walker's mentor. Mr Hunt was Mr Walker's lieutenant as his coal minister at the Department of Energy during the miners strike. And, like Mr Walker, Mr Hunt is a former national chairman of the Young

Mr Hunt is a patron of the left wing Tory Reform Group and Mr Walker is the group's president. Mr Walker has five children, Mr Hunt and his wife, Paddy, four— and the couples live only a few doors apart in Cowley Street,

The question now is - how Wet is David Hunt?

Certainly, his early career confirms him as a One Nation Tory by inclination. His political instincts first emerged when as a schoolboy in Liverpool he went with a friend to make a film about the tearing down of the city's slums. It did not turn him socialist because he noted the widespread resentment of those being forced to leave the scruffy

BIOGRAPHY

1942: Born north Wales, son of a Liverpool shipping agent. Educated Liverpool College, Montpeller University, Bristol University 1968: Becomes solicitor

1972: National Young Conservative chairman 1974: Contasts Kingswood,

Bristol 1976: Elected for Wirral (now Wirral West) at by-election 1981-83: Assistant

Government whip 1983-84: Senior whip 1984-87: Parliamentary Secretary, Department of

1987: Minister for Energy 1987: Minister for Energy 1987: Deputy Chief Whip 1989: Minister of State (Minister of Local Government) Department of the

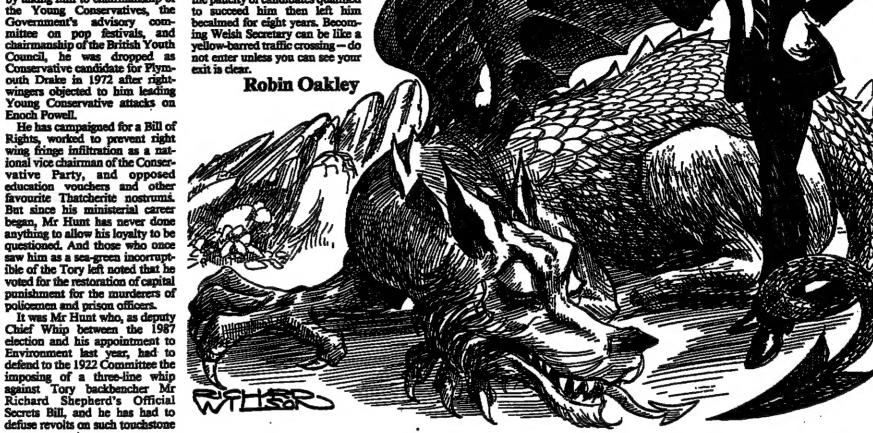
issues for the Wets as the uprating

Always calm, well-dressed in the under-stated style of the solicitor and Lloyds underwriter which he is, David Hunt is, by common consent, one of the most agreeable men in Conservative politics. But colleagues say that a touch of blandness has crept in since the years of youthful in-

but cosy world they knew for The lack of hwyl might disappoint them in Wales. But, as a former university debating champion, Mr Hunt will not be short of words. And if he is unlikely to follow Mr Walker's tradition of coded speeches to the party conference fringe attacking economic policy, he is still likely to share his

proach to the Welsh economy. He is sustained by one of the city policies with genuine regret. Typical of Mr Hunt's quiet forcefulness is that at the Departlargest Conservative majorities in the country, and clearly has much going for him. Mrs Thatcher has appreciated his loyalty and cool authority in fending off the attacks on the community charge. He would fit just as easily into a Heseltine administration. But to continue his smooth political progress further up the Cabinet table, perhaps he needs now to let some of that youthful political

nassion show through. Meanwhile, he must hope that a natural successor to the Welsh post emerges over the next two or three years. Nicholas Edwards, too, earned early promotion to the Cabinet as Welsh Secretary. But the pancity of candidates qualified to succeed him then left him



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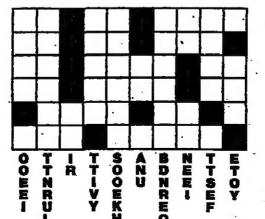
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Coping with hidden hurt

one of us knows how we will face up to a crisis until the dark day comes. Will we be able to weather the emotional after-effects of a car crash, a mugging, the helpless witnessing of death? Or will we sink under the strain?

One thing is clear; those who have been trained to handle crises do not necessarily fare better than the rest of us. In the last week we have beard about how soldiers drilled to cope with battle conditions have been traumatized by the Falklands War.

Building societies - faced by a big increase in the number of armed raids - are sending teams of counsellors to comfort their battle-weary cashiers. Counselling is being arranged, 100, for fire and ambulance crews, police officers and tube drivers. Only yesterday a tube driver who averted a crash at King's Cross on Monday revealed that he was being treated by a doctor for the effects of stress.

Children, too, need help. Professor William Yule, of the Institute of Psychiatry, told a conference in London this week of how a six-year-old boy who had been trapped during the Zeebrugge Ferry Disaster attempted suicide.

But is it professional help that is needed? What happened to loving support from colleagues, friends and relatives for the victims of the collection of symptoms known as post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Crisis is a universal experience. Everyone reading this article will either have been through an urgent, stressful situation which seems overwhelming at the time. or will do so. According to Dr Glenys Parry, the author of Coping with Crises, 7, anyone's life can be ruised by PTSD. A major disaster, which tends to attract a lot of emotional support and counselling, is made up of a series of individual disasters. It is also a shared experience. So are battle conditions, which is why former soldiers seem not to cope as well as those who have the continued support of their colleagues.

Similar stress is caused to those who witness or are involved in a bad road crash, or who stand helplessly by while someone dies of a heart attack. Every year about 3,000 people are killed and another 63.500 are seriously injured on the roads of Great Britain. No one knows how many others are traumatized simply by being involved, either as witnesses

Is professional counselling the best treatment for the

survivors of a crisis?

Ann Kent reports

or participants. Heart disease and strokes kill more than 250,000 Britons every year. The trauma which accompanies these events is seldom publicized. Dr Parry says: "The statistics on road accidents are horrific - but we don't think of the massive number of people who are very nearly killed, or who see someone else killed."

However, Dr Parry, a clinical psychologist at the Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton, believes that there is a positive side to a crisis. Many people emerge stronger and better balanced, depending on the type of help they get, and her book aims to show the most effective way of giving this

"A crisis makes us aware of how we live with the illusion that we live in a safe world," Dr Parry

'Being with someone having a heart attack brings home to you how fragile your own life is'

says. "Smashing illusions is painful, but it leaves us stronger and wiser. Being with someone when they are having a heart attack brings home to you how fragile your own life is . . . Trivial problems never seem quite the same

PTSD usually arises when people feel they have lost control of their lives, as a result of an experience when they genuinely do lose control. For example, when they have been helpless ficed by an armed attacker, or trapped in a crashing car.

"I beard of one patient whose personality started to change six months after he was cut out of a car crash," Dr Parry says. "He became very irritable and had flashes of violence. He started to suffer from depression and

frightening impulses. Because these problems may surface months, or years, after the crisis, people often don't realize the

origin."
She emphasises that some signs of mental distress are part of the healing process. These include rerunning a bad experience in your mind, dreaming about it, and having sudden flashbacks.

The support of friends and relatives can help, but there is danger in telling the traumatized individual to "think about something else", or " pull yourself

together".
Dr James Thompson, senior lecturer in psychology at the Middlesex Hospital and a specialist in post trauma reactions, runs a stress clinic and is researching the emotional after-effects of a variety of disasters, including car crashes. He says: "There is still a general lack of recognition of the psychological impact of a major, lifethreatening event, However, I expect that the people most badly affected are those who have experienced long, drawn-out terror, perhaps because they were trapped in the vehicle for a long

Graham Buxton, a former police officer and the spokesman for the Campaign Against Drinking and Driving, believes that there is an urgent need to provide help for families who are traumatized by road accidents. "When children are killed, it is quite common for the parents to be so badly affected that they never return to work. I know of a very capable schoolteacher who has had to give up his job after his car was hit by a lorry which spun out of control, killing his eight-year-old son. His daughter has been in and out of hospital suffering from mentai stress."

Mr Buxton's daughter, Annette, aged 21, was killed eight years ago when her car was hit by a drunken driver. He and his younger daughter came upon the scene of the accident, although they were not allowed to approach.

"I wasn't prepared for what hit us," he says. "People think that after three or six months you will be more or less back to normal, but in fact as time passes the full effect hits you. It is like a disability, like losing a limb."

Tim Lynch, a radio operator in emotional problems became more noticeable four years after he left the Army. He is now in his final year studying social anthropology at Sussex University, and believes





that he has been helped by becoming involved in a survey of stresses suffered by other veterans. "I realized that I wasn't the only person who felt this way."

Mr Lynch would like to see helplines and self-help groups for ex-servicemen so they can talk about the effects of experiences in the Falklands, Northern Ireland, or in any conflict.

clinical psychologist for Lincoln,

who has carried out a study of former servicemen's attitudes to stress, believes there should be a survey of all veterans when they leave the services. "When posttraumatic stress syndrome occurs, it is not just the servicemen who are involved. We are talk

family breakdown, family

disharmony. He believes the best type of help Mr Roderick Orner, district is likely to come from other veterans and self-support groups.

And he has doubts about the value of counselling for those who have been involved in "everyday

All of which means that some people will, indeed, manage without professional help - while

Coping with Crises, by Dr Glenys Parry, is published on May 7 (Braish Psychological Society and Routledge, £5.99 paperback, £16.99 hardback).

HOW THEY HELP

Building societies are deeply concerned about the effects of repeated armed raids on the morale of their cashiers. In some city areas, the same branch can be attacked twice within a few months. The Leeds Building Society is looking for an expert to train personnel officers in better ways of counselling staff who have been tranmatized by raids. Mr Adrian Drysdale, personnel services manager, says: "Sometimes there is a John Wayne syndrome where staff don't want to admit they suffer from stress, and so it is a matter of trying to break down the barriers. We try to prepare them for the emotional termed! and reactions they might face, but when you are faced with a gun, your mind can go blank. There is no need to feel guilty about it, though many people do."
The Abbey National has a small team of trained counsellors to talk to the staff of raided branches. Mr Len Lambert, manager of occupational health and welfare services, says: The after-effects of a rain include anxiety if a victim sees nomeone who looks similar to the raider, or an anniversary effect when they get particularly nervous at the time of day when the raid happened.'

■ here are also feelings of guilt about handing the money over. One of our conasellors vision two or three days after a raid and talks to all the staff individually and at length. Six weeks later she will go back again. Most people get over the experience very quickly but a small number will need long term

London Regional Transport provides individual counselling and a monthly stress, anxiety and depression group mainly us by drivers who have been affected by train suicides. Separate groups are run for employees who need help in getting over the trauma of a personal attack (there were 135 assaults on tube staff in 1989). "The King's Cross fire was the catalyst which prompted us to set up counselling services because many of our drivers were badly affected," an LRT spokesman

The Arbitration and Conciliation Service has insped a report on stress suffered by ambulance crews in which counselling facilities are strongly recommended. According to London Ambalance Service, working parties have been set up to put the recommendation into

caid.

Comselling services are also being introduced by a number of police forces and London Fire Brigade has a seven-person unit which offers confidential counselling for fire crews.

Too much of a good thing

Those who cannot resist a smile when following the paths of righteousness have ted to another's disaster have had a satisfying week. The journal of the American Medical Association reports that a patient who faithfully followed his doctor's advice to have a plateful of bran for breakfast to relieve his constipation was admitted to hospital within 10 days of the consultation as he was suffering from an acute abdominal emergency. Far from relieving his sluggish bowel,

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

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the bran had clumped together in his small intestine, completely obstructing his guts. The patient needed major surgery, but fortunately made a full recovery. This case may have been taking diuretics (water pills) for his high blood pressure and drank little in the way of tea or other fluids at breakfast. Even so, the authors suggest that

although a high-fibre diet has some advantages, it is always safer to introduce it gradually over four to six weeks, and that it is better to take several different high-fibre foods in the course of the day rather than rely upon one large place of fibre-rich cereal at breakfast.

can doctors discussed bran until the traveller returns. overdosage.

British denusts were being told of the dangers of another health food, granary bread sandwiches. Mr Michael Watson, general serretary of the General Dental Practitioners' Association, said that thousands of patients each year broke their teeth by biting on hard grains in unrefined bread, and that although some of the teeth were

Grain hazards

white loaf. Continental bread has al-ways been a hazard to those of diseases, including heart with poor teeth or loose attacks, high blood pressure. fillings when travelling in Europe; if a disaster left the nerve exposed, there was until recently no alternative to tak-ing painfellers by mouth, and applying whisky or brandy to the tooth, while trying to find I deshit Vanous firms have sub-mucous resection. The now produced a do-it-yourself

mixed with a catalyst, in the makes an incision through the nually from it, cases are still are prepared, to form a tempoeary filling, which should last

Quick nose job Melvyn Bragg's nose always

looks perfectly reasonable when it is seen on television but, it is re-

ported, its airway's easily become blocked. Apparently he is to be admitted to hospital for some re-fashioning. Docdecayed, others might have tors are becoming increasingly survived for some years if the aware that recurrent nasal sandwich had been cut from a obstruction is not only inconvenient, but also predisstrokes and, as a consequence of heavy snoring, broken sleep, which can lead to car

accidents next day when the driver is overtired. The usual operation to enlarge the nasal passages is a operation, although straighttooth-filing kit for holiday- forward, requires a general makers. The procedure is anaesthetic and a night or two simple: a tube of paste is in hospital. The surgeon

same way some modern glues mucous membrane, so that being missed. the underlying bone or cartilege can be remodelled in such a way that any obstruction to the airway is reduced.

The stitches are removed within 10 days. The operation is usually trouble free, but occasionally recovery is delayed by infection or a postthree weeks. The patient who has any

discomfort in the first 48 hours after surgery is often advised to use ice packs. nose for 20 minutes every three hours. After 48 hours, a warm compress is used.

Asthma delays



2,000 patients who die an- their child might have asthma.

Dr Alan Jones, the medical adviser on general practice to the medical school of the University of Wales, found that in 1984 in his West Glamorgan practice 8.8 per cent of the children were known to have asthma, whereas national statistics operative bleed. Most patients suggested that the figure should be back at work within should have been between 10 and 12 per cent. Dr Jones

organised a detailed survey, which is reported in The Practitioner, to trace the missing sufferers; he found that Frozen pea bags are ideal — the true instance in children they should be applied to the up to the age of 12 who at some time or another had had asthma was 17.8 per cent. Dr Jones has devised a formula to calculate the likely delay before a doctor makes

correct diagnosis; he found Despite a 10- that the average delay was 40 year campaign per cent of the age of the child to prevent de- at the time of diagnosis. Thus, lay in the di- a 10-year-old was likely to agnosis of have been wheezing for four asthma, which years before parents and GP is responsible tumbled to the cause of his for much unnecessary ill chest troubles. Correct diagno-health, and the subsequent sis didn't always please the undertreatment, which is the family. 16.6 per cent of the principal cause of death in the parents refused to admit that

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Turning back the farm clock

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for spage and picture books, and nowadays monthy for memones. But be laughing their socks off at lelevision's Paul Heine) wante to be a farmer, just like townie can teach them any-Old MacDonald, He has bought a form in Suffolk and thine mighty carthorses, and

fertilizers. In ON SATURDAY The Times Re-IN COLOUR ВC

"Many modern farmers will the thought that a smug exthing about growing food." You will be able to follow Paul's experiences starting on he intends to turn the clock Saturday, and in a regular the make down before intense column through the year.

VIEW SECTION on Saturday. writes: MONEY acoo. REVIEW 3:70-3 SPORT TRAVEL



MARTIN FLETCHER

A s democracy triumphs worldwide, it begins to look distinctly groggy in the United States. In 801 elections in 1986 and 1988, all but 15 US congressmen were re-elected: a 98 per cent success rate which prompted Ronald Reagan to remark that even the Supreme Soviet had a higher turnover. An incumbent's advantages are overwhelming instant name recognition. big campaign contributions, free mass mailings (California democrat Tom Lantos alone sent out 1.9 million letters last year), limitless free travel and a \$431,760 allowance for staff, who are frequently employed for patently electoral purposes. Small wonder that congressmen cost the taxpayer an average of \$941,569 a year. Their most bizzare perk is surely the right to provide constituents with Stars and Stripes which have flown over the Capitol. This being election year, Capitol flag-flying crews have since January 1 hoist 23,400 for a few seconds each on three specially-erected poles: a rate of more than 300 a day.

hat are we to make of the US Vice-President? In Chile on Sunday for President Aylwin's inauguration, Dan Quayle stopped at an open-air stall and made straight for a grinning Indian doll whose extremely generous manhood became suddenly apparent when lifted by the head. Quayle was delighted, but his wife Marilya was appalled: "Dan, you're not getting that, Oh no..." Undeterred, Quayle slipped a secret service agent \$4 to buy the obscene doll for him. American papers ran the story, but not one dared use the picture.

primaries, and the Democratic Party must have been mightily relieved. Its candidates had truly disgraced themselves Former governor Mark White's ads showed him with all the criminals he'd sent to the electric chair. Attorney General Jim Mattox replied with ads boasting that he'd person-ally attended 30 state executions. Another White ad said of Mattox: "Watch his lips if they're moving, he could be lying." When both men gleefully savaged frontrunner Ann Richards for refusing to say whether she'd ever used drugs, she openly accused them of lining their pockets while in office, "If she'd been a man, I'd have hit her," said White. At the campaign's outset all candidates had pledged to forswear "negative communications regarding the personal life, character or integrity" of their opponents.



'Obviously Dame Edna's an exception

The political rehabilitation of Richard Nixon appears complete. Nearly 16 years after a Congressional committee voted to impeach him, he made a triumphant return to the Capitol last Thursday. In May be publishes an autobiography, revealingly entitled In the Arena: A Memoir of Victory, Defeat and Renewal. In July his \$25 million Presidential Library finally opens in his Californian birthplace, Yorba Linda. He ducked a question last week about whether he now felt "at peace" with himself, but the library offers a clue. With Nixon's agreement, it has a 60-foot-long Watergate hall chronicling the scandal that forced him from the White House. It will even play excerpts from the most damning of his infamous Watergate tapes.

he last telegram sent out by Lithua-nia's foreign minister before the 1940 invasion read: "If catastrophe strikes please consider Stasys Lozoraitis chief of our nation's diplomatic corps." Lozoraitis, ambassador to Washington, kept going for 45 years, forgotten by the world, represent-ing a state that no longer existed, watching his worldwide diplomatic corps shrink from 200 to nearly nothing. He died four years ago aged 88 and his son took the torch. Lithuania's declaration of independence last Sunday changed everything. The musty mansion on 16th Street has been thrown open again, the phones ring constantly and the rooms are full of visitors. "We went through a desert for so many years, no one ever believed us, and now we have reached the oasis," says Lozoraitis junior, now planning his first trip home in half-acentury. His first appointment? With Juozas Urbsys, 92-year-old survivor of a Soviet prison camp and the foreign minister who sent that terrible telegram.

Conor Cruise O'Brien explains the law preventing IRA extraditions

Agreement at loggerheads

extradition of the Maze escapers, Finucane and Clurks. Mr Justice Walsh was explaining the Su-preme Court's rejection of a high court finding that Finucane, as a member of the IRA, did not qualify under the political exemption clause in the Irish Extradition Act of 1965, because the IRA's aim is to overthrow the organs of State"

British politicians and the media ignored the Supreme Court's decision, presumably because it was felt to have no practical application. So a further decision given this week by the Supreme Court, striking down extradition of IRA men, came as a shock. Yet the two secure lrish unity". decisions are intimately linked. This was made clear in an interpretation by one of the five members of the court of their

ast week, I wrote that the Anglo-Irish Agreement should be suspended, pen-

ding a referendum in the Republic on Articles 2 and 3 of the Irish Constitution, which assert a

right of jurisdiction over the whole island of Ireland, includ-

ing what is now Northern Ire-land. I wrote following the

decision of the Irish Supreme Court that "the reintegration of

the national territory is a constitutional imperative. This means that the Irish partner in the Anglo-Irish Agreement is bound

by law to seek to acquire Northern

Ireland. And the British partner in the Agreement is silently acqui-

escing in that quest for as long as

unanimous decision against the

Articles 2 and 3 are in force.

objective of those offences was to secure Irish unity". And that, of course, leaves the IRA completely in the clear, as far as extradition is concerned. All their offences are politically motivated and have as their objective the securing of Irish unity. So while this decision stands, no more IRA men will be extradited, whatever they may (meaning the Irish state).
Ruling to the contrary, Mr
Justice Walsh found "that the

Commenting on this week's Supreme Court decision, Mr John Cope, the Northern Ireland Supreme Court could not draw the inference that the political minister in charge of security, denied that the decision spell the end of the Anglo-Irish Agree-ment. The accord, said Mr Cope, exemption clause in the 1965 Act. should not apply to those charged with politically moti-vated offences when the objec-"provided the very mechanism by which the situation regarding tive of those offences was to Once you have sorted out that extradition could be enhanced double negative, you will find that what the Justice is saying is that persons charged with politi-Not so. Unless the Irish Constitution is changed, the Irish partners in the Anglo-Irish cally motivated offences are not Agreement can do nothing to

extradition. On that point Mr Justice Walsh's ruling is defin-itive. The Irish partners are members of an executive acting under the authority, and within the limitations, of a written constitution. They are not entitled to "enhance extradition", beyond the limits of the Consti-tution, as interpreted by the Supreme Court of the Republic. And the court made clear on Tuesday just how narrow those

mmis are. The two decisions of the preme Court are ideologically linked, and the link is juridically legitimate. IRA men are to be exempt from extradition where the objective of their offences is "to secure Irish unity", which is logical when one considers that "Irish unity" and "the reintegration of the national territory" are precisely the same thing. Thus the IRA is working, in its own

something which the Supreme Court has found to be "a constitutional imperative", binding on all citizens of the

The British government has made the mistake of assuming that the constitutional claim of the Republic over Northern Ireland is somehow inert or tacitly abandoned. These two decisions of the Supreme Court made clear, however, that the constitutional claim is very much alive, and so conditions the whole operation of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. The procedures of that Agreement should now be used to convey a clear message from the British partner to the Irish: that in the light of the Supreme Court's decisions, the Agreement is inoperable as long as Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitution remain in force in their present form-

Constitutional amendment is an attainable objective, both legally and politically. Legally it can be done by a simple referendum. Politically, all parties in the Republic — with the exception of Mr Haughey's Fianna Fail — have long favoured amendment of Articles 2 and 3 imendment of Articles 2 and 3 by the substitution of some kind of aspiration for a unity of people for the naked claim to jurisdic-tion over territory. If Mr Haughey agrees to the change, a referendum amending those Articles would carry by a large majority. And such a referenmajority. And such a referen-dum would greatly improve the whole atmosphere in the Repub-lic in relation to the IRA. This week Mr Haughey ruled

out a review of Articles 2 and 3. He will continue to rule it out as long as his partners in the Anglo-Irish Agreement fail to make it a condition for the continued operation of the Agreement. If he has to choose between the Agreement and Articles 2 and 3, he will start thinking seriously—for the first time—about those articles. And it is in the interest of all in these islands, with the exception of the IRA, that he should be made to think seriously about them.

Abba Eban argues that Israel's only chance lies in shared sovereignty and territory, not in annexation

A tale of

courteous phrase denoting adherence to inert ideas long after they have proved false. In Mid-dle Eastern diplomacy, this wisdom" tells us that it is easier to make progress in "short steps" than by projecting large visions. This view dominated official American diplomacy in 1988 when the Bush-Baker administration took office. The United States joined Mr Yitshak Shamir in developing what they exag-geratedly call a "peace process". This was to be based on avoiding the four central questions: the location of secure boundaries for Israel; the status and dentity of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza; who will eventually rule those Arab populated territories; and the struc-tural relations between the Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians who inhabit the territories of the former Palestine Mandate.

At the same time vast efforts were invested by the US in the "short steps" that were supposed to be more responsive to conciliation. The "peace process" was reduced to the idea of electing a few Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza to negotiate with Israel. The Israeli Labour Party was persuaded to be satisfied with this miniature "peace process", although its own platform advocated a broader principle of

US representatives do not deny that American policy is now defined by what is acceptable to an Israeli prime minister whose devotion to an uncompromisingly annexationist policy was proclaimed before and after every visit to Washington. Mr Baker went to unusually patient lengths to satisfy Likud sensitivities. He agreed that Palestinian representatives had to be "satisfactory" to Israel. This menut that we could choose

choose our adversary's team. The US, powerfully supported by Egypt, even persuaded the PLO to conceal itself under the neutral name "Palestinians". With all these formulas and fig

our own team and then virtually

leaves in place, it now appeared that there would soon be Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo, but at this decisive stage, Mr Shamir decided to break the coalition with Labour, to dismiss its leaders and to end the 10-month peace process before any of its ambitions was fulfilled.

The dismissal of the Labour ministers signifies that Israeli democracy is in deeper trouble than at any time previously. It is as though after the Second World War Churchill had dismissed Attlee and all his colleagues from the National government in order to hold an election in an atmosphere more "territories for peace", which is favourable to his own party.



Mr Shamir now understands that an election in the West Bank and Gaza is incompatible with his ideology of an undivided Land of Israel under exclusive lewish rule. He is in retreat from his own initiative. An election of Palestinian leaders in the West Bank and Gaza has a soothing procedural sound, but in practice it would dismantle the entire system and fabric of Israeli rule in the territories. Palestinians would be free to say what they like, to display their emblems, to celebrate their leaders, to assemble freely. None of this is possible today. An election would be a long step toward disengagement from Israeli rule.

Mr Shamir, who opposed the Egyptian-Israeli treaty, the withdrawal from Lebanon, the Hussein-Peres agreement for a

Bernard Levin returns from holidav on Monday.

Jordanian-Palestinian solution, Secretary of State Shultz's friendly peace plan, and even the return of an inconsequential hotel on Egyptian soil in Taba, is a sincere territorialist. If the first crucial opportunity of a break-through in Israeli-Palestinian relations is not to be wasted, leadership of Israel will have to pass to other hands. If some of us think that a West Bank election is too narrow to be called a peace process, Mr Shamir found it too great a risk.

the United States must belatedly understand that there is no hope of progress by short steps without knowing the destination toward which they should be taken. The American illusion that peace is most likely to emerge from a broadly based Israeli government with the Likud in the centre is in collapse.

Israel's only chance of peace, social harmony, regional order, democratic integrity and inter-national understanding lies in a return to the policy of its founding fathers, who understood that sovereignty and terri-tory in the Israeli-Palestinian area must be shared by two people, not monopolized by one. Since Israeli security and sovereignty are not going to be compromised, the West Bank and Gaza are the only arens in

which Palestinian ideas can find practical expression. in the world marked by such a total discontinuity as democratic Israel and the territory and population under Israeli military rule. Neither of these two human worlds seeks harmony with the other through any compromise of its separate nature. Our land is a land of two histories, two tongues, two faiths, two national

dreams, two identities. Duality is written so sharply into the very texture of the land that any unitary solution which subjects one nationalism to total domination by the other is bound to be explosive and morally fragile.

he forces in Israel available for such a reawakening are more impressive than they have appeared to be during the suffocations of the coalition regime. Over a million Israelis voted in the last election for platforms based on a substantially Arab destiny for the West Bank and Gaza; this was more than the number that voted for annexationist solutions.

Lest month when the Labour mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, declared that "the West Bank and Gaza are a millstone around Israel's neck", and the Likud mayor of Tel Aviv, "Tchitch" Lahat, declared that "Israel should negotiate with the PLO", they struck a large chord of consent. Hundreds of Israeli former generals and brigadiers have expressed agreement.

Israeli mainstream security experts grouped in Tel Aviv University's Centre for Strategic Studies suggested last year that Israeli security can be maintained through continued military deployment but without physical control over all of the territories and all their Palestinian inhabitants." It is in these arenes of lucidity, not in the annexationist wilderness, that American and European diplomacy should exert its healing influence. Europe, which has pioneered the concept of balance between separate sovereignty and regional integration, can serve Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians best by proclaiming its own example. It is only in a context of institutionalized regional co-operation that each of these three harassed nations can find its individual salvation.

The author, a leading member of the Israeli Labour Party, was Foreign Minister, 1966-74.

Why Mrs Thatcher should feel secure

hree Sunday newspapers have found that about a quarter of all Tory MPs would like Mrs Thatcher to stand down before the general election. In fact, the proportion who would like to see a change at the top, if only it could be accomplished smoothly and by a wave of a wand, may well be higher than a quarter. Not a few Tories who have fully supported Mrs Thatcher's past policies now fear that, with the Government's present difficulties, her con-

own achievements at risk. But it is one thing to wish that something could come to pass and quite another to accept the likely consequences of trying to make it happen if these seem likely to be counter-productive. It is true enough that the Tories have had a pretty ruthless way of dealing with their leaders in past times of danger. Thus, Mr Heath was challenged and overthrown by Mrs Thatcher just as he himself had been elected after Sir Alec Douglas-Home had been convinced that the party

But there are fundamental

differences between Mrs Thatch-

tinued leadership may put her

er's position now and those of Sir-Alec and Mr Heath when they were displaced. When she ousted Mr Heath and when he replaced Sir Alec, the incumbent leaders were in opposition, with two election defeats behind them. She, in contrast, is in government with a record of three election victories.

Moreover, under both Sir Alec

and Mr Heath the party had come increasingly to believe that the end of a road had been reached. In Lord Home's case, there was the feeling that the then Mr Harold Wilson must be opposed by a figure with more demotic political responses than could be expected from a former 14th earl. Under Mr Heath, the Conservatives had seemed trapped by the post-war neo-Keynes-ian consensus and by the attempt to escape from inflation by the dirigisme of pay and prices policy. Mrs Thatcher had a real difference of policy on which to appeal against him.

Not least, though it may seem fair to remove a leader in

opposition after two general

Ronald Butt says Tories who want change have not considered the effect election defeats, it hardly seems reasonable to get rid of one still in power and with her record of victories. To do so would smack of panic and appear to be an admission of policy failure. Besides, changing the leader in opposition provides a transition of several years without the burdens of power, during which the new leader can get used to the job, and the party and the public can get used to him.

So Mrs Thatcher's position now should be compared not with those of her two immediate predecessors but with that of Churchill, Eden and Macmillan who each resigned when the party was in power. Yet, even so, her case is again different.

For one thing, it was essen-

tially age or illness which drove out all three, though Eden and Macmillan were also under polinical pressure. Moreover, it was clear in each case who would succeed or from which group the successor would come. It was accepted that when Churchill went, Eden would succeed him; and when Eden resigned, there were

plainly only two candidates, Rab Butter and Harold Macmillan. Nobody in the Cabinet can have been in the least surprised when Lord Salisbury asked them, as each left the room, "Well, which is it, Wab or Hawold?"

Again, when Macmillan resigned, it was either going to be Butler (if the Macmillan faction could not stop him, which they did) or another from a small group of senior Cabinet min-isters, all papabile, including Lord Hailsham, lain Macleod, Reginald Maudling and (the dark horse), the Earl of Home who got the job and disclaimed his peerage. No policy dif-ferences were involved; it was a matter of taking a view of personalities through Cabinet and party consultations.

But no clear group of claimant heirs is apparent in the Cabinet now. Indeed, it is a complaint against Mrs Thatcher that she has made it hard for near equals to flourish in her sight. Her most senior colleague, Sir Geoffrey Howe, has been bypassed, and the succession would be claimed

by a wide group, only two of whom are tried Cabinet ministers, Mr Kenneth Baker and Mr Douglas Hurd. The rest, most notably Mr John Major and Mr Chris Patten are still to be tested.

If there were a vacancy, they would probably all compete, and the spectacle of perhaps half a dozen candidates vying with each other inside the Cabinet would hardly inspire conviction in the party's unity - especially when the strongest potential candidate, Mr Michael Heseltime, stands outside the Cabinet, apparently questioning much of the recent line of policy. Mr Heseltine has great political acumen and commands party audiences. But nobody within the Cabinet who considers himself a potential candidate will risk ousting Mrs Thatcher for Mr Heseltine's benefit, Besides, a majority of the party is not ready to accept his insistence on European political integ-ration or to see the Thatcherite revolution apparently questioned by Mr Heseltine's success. His candidature at this stage

would split the party grievously, which is doubtless why he declares himself not to be a candidate this side of the general election.

The paradox of the Conservative position is this. There are many in the party who would like to see something like a new beginning, which could be sig-nalled by a new leader, with existing policies modulated to a new key in response to chal-lenges significantly different from those originally faced by Mrs Thatcher.

On the other hand, reason tells them that, short of an unpredictable crisis, Mrs Thatcher will stay, that nobody in the Cabinet will move against her to the possible benefit of Mr Heseltine, and that Mr Heseltine himself knows better than to risk a challenge that could divide the party. In these circumstances, the Government can only go on the Government can only go on playing with the hand it has dealt itself, hoping that the game can be won by 1992. Talking about removing Mrs Thatcher is no help, unless perhaps it persuades her to use her strong political instinct to lead the Tories into new courses herself. new courses herself.

I am going away. As I sit down to write this horizontal, my bag is packed, an appropriate message has been programmed into the answering machine and the good chicken stock has been clarified with egg-white and stored in the freezer. I have cancelled four Sunday papers; by the time I return there seems every likeli-hood that *The Sunday Corres-*pondent will have merged with

the Liberal Democrats; we de-Before the car arrives to take me to Heathrow, I shall carry out the final check: passport, ticket, credit cards, driving licence; also a small package, in case I run into trouble, containing an unopened letter from the Prime Minister, a picture of me and Muhammad Ali, a copy of Raine Kruger's Goodbye Dolly Gray to show that I understand who won the Boer certificate stating that although I gave Mike Gatting's mother a lift up the motorway (she delivers vehicles and hitchhikes back), Mr Gatting himself is outwith my acquaintanceship.

wanted him to go.

I was last in South Africa 20 years ago, when I spent nearly a month in Cape Town victualling a boat in which 14 of us crossed the South Atlantic in a race to Rio de Janeiro. I cooked. I recall the difficulties I encountered locating capers to go with boiled leg of lamb, also for putting into tartar sauce. And there was at the time in Cape Province — and may still be today - a serious shortage of angelica: not critical, you under-War (we came second), and a stand, but I had made a list and

items. I finally settled for crystallized kumquats. I never have understood why ships' cooks make do with bully beef and kedgeree when they could prepare

decent meals of genuine appeal. The only thing which you cannot make on board ship is jelly ...unless you are becaimed. We were becalmed for two days, but it was before I had tried to get jelly to set. It is probable that in the history of ocean racing no other crew has sailed 4,000 nautical miles, won line honours, as did we, and averaged a weight increase of 81b per man.

When you travel to foreign parts, even for a shortish time, it



On a caper to Cape Town

affects the pre-departure days. At Cheltenham races on Tuesday - most of the punters were drunk, which I do not much mind, but they all seemed to come from Birmingham which is harder to take

it occurred to me that my National Hunt Festival was going to be confined to one day, six races. I therefore determined to pack into this outing the passion, energy and investment usually deployed on the full meeting. I had several moral victories in respect of which I should be getting sizeable bills from Messrs Ladbrokes,

Hills, Coral and Kinghorn. An urgent message to ring my son in New York. I ring my son in New York. "Listen. Dad," he said, "you know John Major?"

I explained that he was my

parliamentary neighbour in Cambridgeshire, succeeded David Renton, sat for Huntingdon when

I was Isle of Ely. "You met him

with me in Ely Cathedral at a dedication ceremony; we have a photo of the three of us marching past Prince Philip."

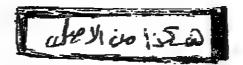
My son asked what sort of

speaker was John Major.

"All right as a speaker," I replied. "Was a whip for so many years that we did not hear much of him until latterly; unlikely to have an audience rolling in the aisles, but decent and honourable; only real drawback is that Tebbit tipped him for high office. If your bank needs an after dinner speaker, Nigel Lawson will be much more entertaining if rather more expensive. Why are you asking me all this?" That is the question I should

have put before. It appears that City bookmakers are quoting odds against the length of the Budget speech. You can buy at 73 minutes, sell at 71, and my son wants to know whether I would wants to know whether I would advise him to go long or short. I advised him to go long. "A few interruptions, the Deputy Speaker getting angry, someone grabbing the mace, a helpful question or three... Budget speaker are not some to be much speeches are not going to be much horter than 70 minutes and with a fair wind they could be substantially longer.

"Are you in good form?" asked I had to admit that but for Beech Road, Cash is King Jelupe and one or two other quadrupeds I was in fair shape, was off to Johannesburg later this afternoon and no, I am not; there are other people to meet in South Africa and anyway he is in Sweden.





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IN NEED OF AMENDMENT

The history of Northern Ireland's terrorism extradition cases argued over by the British and Irish governments during the last 20 years clearly illustrates the limits of the meeting of minds on security issues.

Irish history has sown a deep suspicion at all levels in the republic that there can ever be instification for handing suspects back to Britain. It took several years of terrorism north and south of the border in the early 1970s for a debate to begin in the republic about whether a "political offence" exemption should allow a suspect to avoid extradition on the grounds of political purpose or motive.

Subsequently, there has been a sea change in the attitudes of the Irish judiciary. It was brought about by the cases which forced increasingly precise definitions of the elastic notion of "political" exemption; the evidence of the crimes themselves contributed to public support for narrowing the scope of the exemption. The republic joined the European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism, which removed the exemption altogether for a list of the most serious offences.

In the past three years, however, there have been three setbacks. The republic's extradition legislation has been amended in such a way as to make the speedy execution of warrants harder. New grounds for refusing extradition were introduced in the Patrick Ryan case by the Attorney-General who claimed that the improbability of a fair trial in the United Kingdom justified his not taking proceedings. This week, the Irish Supreme Court released two escapers from the Maze prison, citing the danger of assault by prison officers in Northern

How does the position appear once the legal technicalities are set aside? During a mass escape in which a prison officer was fatally stabbed and several of his colleagues very seriously injured, two men get away. One was serving 18 years for the attempted murder of a UDR man; an assault by an eight-man team which subjected the victim and his family to what the trial judge described as an ordeal "almost beyond description." The second was

serving 18 years for possession of two rifles used to shoot a soldier in both legs. Both are eventually arrested in the republic and extradition warrants are served. Meanwhile, an official inquiry and a civil court case have established that assaults took place on republican prisoners after the Maze escape. The highest court in the republic releases both men.

This may be in accordance with the law but it is not in accordance with the needs of justice or common sense. Extradition between friendly states does not depend on each state's requiring the other to be perfect. It requires a minimum level of trust which should rest on the standards of justice and accountability common to both, but no guarantees will be available that nothing will ever go wrong.

No prison system in the world can offer that assurance. Accountability in the case of the assaults at the Maze was plainly hard to achieve, but some of the truth was eventually forced into the open. Perhaps Mr Collins, the Irish Foreign Minister, who was yesterday suggesting that the Northern Ireland prison service might adjust itself to the requirements of the Supreme Court, would like to tour the facilities and make some more specific proposals. The Anglo-Irish Agreement has uses separate from extradition, but any reasonable. observer might ask why the Irish Government pays such heed to an agreement with a state whose prison service and courts fall so short of its own standards.

The question of political exemption, a more fundamental issue of principle, may now have to be fought all over again. One might have hoped that the last word on this had been spoken by an Irish Chief Justice who said in 1982: "The judicial authorities on the scope of such offences have in many respects been rendered obsolete by the fact that modern terrorist violence ... is often the antithesis of what could reasonably be regarded as political ... " It now appears that common sense has been rolled back. The republic's judiciary is properly independent, but its function is to interpret laws. Those laws should be amended to reflect the Chief Justice's dictum.

A CARING COMMUNITY

The Government's defeat, on an amendment to the National Health Service and Community Care Bill on Tuesday, is another warning that the public is uneasy about the way community care has been implemented. The closure of large residential institutions has not yet led to an equivalent provision of services in the community. The amendment was an attempt to prevent yet another group of vulnerable people being discharged from institutions into a community ill-equipped to

There was some logic, nevertheless, in the Government's refusal to sign what could amount to a blank cheque for the residential care of elderly people. The Secretary of State for Social Security, Mr Tony Newton, now has time to find a solution to the technical problem identified in the amendment, but he should not issues the more general misgivings which the rebellion by 33 Conservative MPs represented.

It is right that the community should where necessary provide the means for the elderly and infirm to live out their lives in dignity and comfort. Those same people will have contributed by taxes and national insurance, to the support of the generations before them. Even without such considerations they would still have a call upon society as a matter of social

lecure

Many of them - or their families on their behalf - prefer to take advantage of nursing and residential homes provided privately by profit-making or self-sustaining enterprises. It is far better that they should be cared for in that way than that they should occupy beds in old large mental hospitals, and far better that they should not become intolerably burdensome to their own families. The notion that families would automatically be able to receive many old people who were no longer to be catered for in large institutions has always been

The amendment would have committed the

Government to meet the whole cost of such private residential care, however large, by means of what is called income support. The Commons was given a warning that if it does not do so, private homes might feel obliged to levy charges which are beyond the reach of many of their residents, income support notwithstanding. Many of them, it appears, have started to do so already. As a result those unable to pay, and unable to close the gap by assistance from family or other sources, could face eviction. In some cases, the residential home itself will be driven to offer a two-tier service, a more meagre one for those relying wholly on state support, a better one for those able to meet a higher fee.

The Government could clearly not commit itself to meet whatever level of charges private residential homes cared to set. That would be an invitation to profiteering at the taxpayers' expense. The supporters of the amendment demonstrated that their hearts were in the right place, but they were less on target with their remedy. Whatever slips by party whips may have explained the odd result in the House an amendment carried in substance, but then defeated procedurally - it was, in the circumstances, a curiously appropriate result, and just the right message for Mr Newton to

He would be advised not to ponder much further, however, the fear he expressed in the House that too generous a commitment to residential care for the elderly might encourage more of them into institutions, when they ought to be looked after in their families. He called it a "perverse incentive effect." The family care of old people should always be freely chosen by those concerned - it is not the job of the Government to exert pressure on them, by manipulation of the social security regulations, into doing so against their will.

That way lies family discord and misery.

DEADLOCK ON CYPRUS

The autouncement by Mr Rauf Denktas that he will seek re-election next month as president of the self-styled Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is unlikely to relieve the gloom south of the border. Less than two weeks since bringing the Cyprus talks in New York to an early and abrupt conclusion Mr Denktas wants a new mandate for his policies. The probability is that he will get it, thus strengthening his negotiating hand. A Cyprus settlement now looks a distant prospect.

Much had been hoped for from the openended talks. They were held under the auspices of the UN Secretary General, but they broke down almost as soon as they began when (according to the Secretary-General) Mr Denktas introduced a new and unexpected ciement Señor Pèrez de Cuéllar, supported by the United States and Britain, has been pursuing a federal solution for the island based on the principle of "one state, two communities". What Mr Denkias did was to change the terminology, insisting on two "peoples" not "communities", each of which should have the right to self-determination.

The distinction is much more than semantic. Though the Greek and Turkish Cypriots are close to an agreement on some points they remain fundamentally divided over the nature of the intended federal compromise. The Greek Openots want a strong central Nicosia government, with the separate Greek and Turkish halves retaining powers similar to those of large municipal authorities. Mr Denktas, however, aspires to a more complete biconal arrangement with each zone enjoying

Virtual autopomy. Their other quarrels stem from those differing concepts. Greek Cyprious, for instance, place great emphasis on what they call the "three freedoms": the right to travel, live

and own property anywhere. They also demand the withdrawal of 27,000 Turkish troops from the north and the return of 50,000 Turkish settlers to the mainland. These demands are not unreasonable in themselves, but they appear to induce Turkish feelings of insecurity and fears of being dominated from the south.

The inference which one may draw from the New York meeting, however, is that Mr Denktas still has a very different vision of Cyprus from that still cherished by Greek Cypriots. How it is that the negotiations opened without anyone being prepared for this development is unclear. Either the groundwork had not been properly completed or Mr Denktas hardened his position at the last

There are no plans to arrange another session, despite Security Council support for the Secretary General. Further progress is clearly impossible in advance of the Turkish Cypriot elections. It looks as if the answer lies in Ankara. Mr Denktas called there before and after the meeting in New York and apparently received full backing for his stand. As Northern Cyprus depends heavily on Turkey it is inconceivable that he could act without it.

A compromise on Cyprus seems unlikely until Turkey has decided to promote one. It may be that the island is now seen in Ankara as an increasingly high-value card in its patient attempt to win entry to the European Community. Turkey has to some extent lost a bargaining counter through the erosion of the military threat from Moscow. Its strategic value has in consequence gone down, but it holds the key to a settlement on Cyprus. It is Ankara which must now be persuaded to turn

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Implications of Irish court rulings Funding crisis in hospital care

From Mr C. B. Lewis Sir, The Irish courts yesterday decided not to return two con-victed criminals to Northern Ireland to complete their sentences, apparently became of the fear of intimidation by prison staff in the Maze prison. There is one change to the law which could solve the

Courts could be empowered either to return the criminal to the country where he committed the crime or to require him to serve his sentence in a prison in the state dealing with the extradition request. This would deal with any fears about possible mistreatment if the criminal were returned. It would ensure that the criminal did complete his sentence rather than being released.

In the case of Northern beland and the Republic, legislation al-ready exists providing that the courts of one jurisdiction may try people accused of committing a crime in the other jurisdiction. It would be a logical extension of that principle to enable a person convicted in one jurisdiction to serve his sentence in the prisons of the other jurisdiction. Yours faithfully, C. B. LEWIS,

Schwyn College, Cambridge, Murch 14

From Mr David Trimble Sir, Further to Conor Cruise O'Brien's excellent article on the Angio-Irish Agreement (March 10), the Irish Supreme Court con-chided its judgement by saying "looking at the Agreement in its totality and looking at the entire scheme and trust of the (Irish) constitution" the Agreement was "a clear attempt to resolve the position with regard to the reinte-gration of the national territory".

In other words, in the view of the highest court in Ireland, which view is by virtue of the Irish Constitution binding on the Irish Government, uniting Ireland is the object of the Anglo-Irish

It would be foolish of the British Government to ignore this judge-ment. To do so would be seen as acquiesing in the Irish view, to the ement of terrorism and the dismay of the British people of Ulster. The only honourable course is to insist on an amend-ment of the Irish Constitution, especially as the British Govern-ment claimed at the time that the Agreement contained a de jure recognition by the Irish Republic of the status of Northern Ireland.

The Irish court has made it clear that this is not so and has falsified the besis on which Britain entered the Agreement. It has also vin-dicated the Ulster Unionist insistence that amendment of the Irish Constitution is an essential prerequisite for harmony and co-operation in Ireland and Ulster.

Once again Unionists have displayed a better understanding of Irish republicanism than politicians in London.

Sir, In view of the universal condemnation of the Al Payeds

for lying when trying to win the job of running Harrods, I feel I must confess to a similar crime.

Back in 1947, in applying for a job at Reuters, I said I had worked

as a journalist in Toronto before

the war. I hadn't, As a result of

that lie I was given a three-day test of my qualifications and in due

course was hired as a sub-editor on

Had I told the truth, it is very unlikely that I would have been given such a trial or the job. In the

event, I would probably have had

a career as a lawyer rather than a

journalist. Whether society is worse off for my deceit is for

over its doors the royal coats of

arms: warranting, it might appear, to the integrity of those who own

The Lord Chamberlain is,

surely, in a difficult position: how

can he now act properly to protect

her Majesty's good name, by with-

drawing such warrants, when her

Majesty's Government shows such cynical indifference to the

conduct of those who have tricked

the party I was considered statis-

Along with 80 per cent of my

colleagues who supported the

Prime Minister as leader I gave

my opinion in a secret ballot only

last November. That did not rely

on personal estimates of statistical

opinion or any such nonsense.

weighting of shades of party

Eighty per cent support in a real

poll then: 75 per cent in straw polls

now. What on earth is all the fuss

statues on the outside of the

building. Once in the department,

without the torch we would have had to turn back. Some objects

and cases were not lit at all; most

of them, with their identifying

labels, so dimly lit as to strain the

eye; a Rembrandt drawing was in

It seems a pity, as not all the

visitors to the department had the benefit of Anthony Blunt's advice.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

KENELM DIGBY-JONES,

5 Dalmeny House,

March 12.

Thurloe Place, SW7.

their way into holding such warrants?

the foreign desk.

others to judge. Yours faithfully

such shops.

Yours faithfully,

Temple, EC4.

about?

March 12.

Yours faithfully

the pitch dark.

DAVID MARTIN,

House of Commons.

PETER CATON.

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tically to represent.

MILTON SHULMAN,

51g Eaton Square, SW1.

From Mr Peter Caton

Yours sincerely, DAVID TRIMBLE (Honorary Secretary), Ulster Unionist Council, 3 Glengall Street,

Calling Harrods to account From Mr Milton Shulman

From Mrs Elizabeth Jesnik Sir, May I, as a member of the British public and an occasional shopper at Harrods, assure you that Mr Fayed's misfortunes in being the son of a primary school teacher of humble origins and not having been raised by a British nanny cause me no distress.

On the contrary, the career that emerges from the colourful account given in your pages (March 8) could well be viewed in many of its aspects as a laudable example of entrepreneurial skill of the kind often to be found praised these days and worthy of Samuel Smiles

If the allegations are correct, Mr Fayed would appear to have been amusingly adept at constructing a persons and past history likely to appeal to a perticularly unattrac-tive vein of British snobbery.

How many men engaged in public life have changed their names for purposes of Agrandiset? Haw man can say that they have come by their resources by means that fully bear investigation? If this man has been guilty of the misdemeanours described no doubt they will be investigated in the proper quar-ters. It ill becomes *The Times* to engage in this act of pillory on its

Mr Fayed did not put in a bid for a bishopric - merely to become the owner of a large shop. Yours truly, ELIZABETH JESNIK,

79 Woodwarde Road, Dulwich, SE22 March 9.

Polls of straw

From Mr David Martin, MP for Portsmouth South (Conservative) Sir. The recent media concentration on the position of the Prime Minister (leading article, March 12) is based upon the amazing revelation that only 75 per cent of Conservative MPs now support ber. This is apparently founded on three straw polls conducted by parliamentary lobbyists.

I was sidled up to by one of them last week and flatteringly told I had been selected as one of a hundred to give my opinion. I was not told which shade of opinion in

Art in the dark

From Mr Kenelm Digby-Jones Sir, When I was a student at the Courtauld Institute many years ago Professor Anthony Blunt told me that, to visit architectural sites or museums, one needed three things: a pair of binoculars, a torch and someone who knew much more about the subject than

On Sunday, on a visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum's European Art 1600-1800 collection I followed his advice. The binoculars were useful to identify the newly and splendidly cleaned

who will qualify for belp of up to

80 per cent of the community

charge similarly comes from the

As the top 10 per cent of earners

contribute 40 per cent of income

tax it will be seen that the method

of financing local government,

including the community charge,

is highly progressive and related to

ability to pay. In fact, the house-holds with the highest earnings are

general taxpayer.

probably contributing 15 times as Poll tax disquiet much as the lowest income groups. From Sir Hector Laing Yours sincerely, HECTOR LAING,

Sir, Ronald Butt ("Tories' roughshod error", March 8) objects to a High Meadows, Windsor Road, Gerrards Cross. flat-rate community charge while completely overlooking the highly progressive way in which local government is financed through Buckinghamshire. March 12

From Mr Keith Robinson Sir, The fact that his distance from Roughly 50 per cent of local politics limits his understanding government is financed out of of the Government's position on eneral taxation. Similarly some the moral case for poll tax may not 5 billion of general taxation — equivalent to 2p in the pound be the only matter clouding the issues for the Bishop of Bath and has been set aside to ease in the Wells (March 13). community charge. And the relief The premise for the bishop's for the one-in-four charge payers -

moral case seems to be that the well-off should by this strand of taxation provide services for the poor and disadvantaged. He also appears to assume that not making ends meet is the prerogative of the latter, as though somehow the

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They be sent to a fax number (01)782 5046.

Sir, Your report of March 8, highlights the crisis in hospital care in London. This is borne out here, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, where aiready we have 75 beds closed. In order to save a further £1.6 million, it is proposed that the hospital should close to all non-emergency admissions for six weeks during the summer and a further two weeks at Christmas. A further 12 beds are threatened with closure.

Already many of our patients who need urgent admissions are turned away by directing them to the emergency bed service, or they may be kept waiting for many hours in the casualty department until a bed is found. Booked admissions cancelled before admission, which were around 40 per month in September, 1989, had risen to 127 per month by November.

The crisis which faces us stems from the underfunding of pay awards and price inflation by central government and by the sudden withdrawal of "interim relief" monies given in 1987 to ease the special problems of central London. The Government, of course, deny underfunding and blame poor management for the financial problems. It seems inconceivable that all the central London districts are badly managed yet they are all deeply in crisis. When all are seriously affected one suspects a central problem. Indeed, our own district has an exemplary record in cost improvement savings over recent

The Government also claim that the solution to these problems will stem from the proposed reforms of the National Health

Even if these prove beneficial, their effects lie in the future while the crisis is here now. In the short run, the reforms are worsening the situation as managers attempt to deal not only with this crisis but also with the mass of directives from the Department of Health in implementing the reforms. Certainly substantial sums of money

From Dr Robert Elkeles and others have been provided for this latter exercise but that has no impact on patient care now. The only immediate solution

we see is more money, with the restoration of "interim relief". For the future, we need proper funding, not random squeezing of the market place. Yours faithfully, ROBERT ELKELES (Consultant physician), ROLFE BIRCH (Consultant orthopaedic surgeon), DEBORAH CUNNINGHAM (Consultant radiologist), FRANK LOEFFLER (Consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist), C. M. TONKS (Consultant psychiatrist), St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, W2. March 12.

From Sir Douglas Black Sir, The wounds which the Government is inflicting on itself through the student loan scheme, and even more so the poll tax affect only sections of the elec-torate (which have duly noted them). They are trivial in comparison with what is threat-ened for the National Health Service, which potentially affects us all.

Under Government proposals, necessary transfers of patients from family doctor to hospital, and between hospitals themselves will be impeded by a clumsy contractual system employing ar-mies of accountants. But much worse than that, which is "merely wasteful, family doctors will be given a financial inducement, through capitation fees, to take on more patients when the real requirement is for them to give

more time to fewer people. I agree with Mr Clarke that doctors will not shun patients who are likely to need expensive care but why tempt them to do so by encouraging them to be budget holderer

Yours sincere DOUGLAS BLACK, The Old Forge, **Duchess Close** Whitchurch-on-Thames, Reading, Berkshire.

Smacking children From Mrs Penelope Leach and

Mr Peter Newell Sir, Your contributor, Lynette Burrows (First Person, March 12) dismisses the comprehensive international research linking smacking with bullying in child-hood, anti-social behaviour in

adolescence, domestic violence,

and criminality in adult life as

"self-justifying surveys". She dismisses those of us who smack as "child-care professionals", contrasted with "the true professional" in the home. She even believes that the High Court judge who upheld a social services decision to place the children of a smacking mother on the child abuse "at risk" register has "de-

ferred" to Epoch. But we are parents too, and our influence does not extend to the (report, February 27) is that the days of legalised smacking are numbered. Our free leaflet, The No Smacking Guide to Good Behaviour, is simply an attempt to answer the call from the many parents who do smack but wish they did not; to provide them with practical advice on avoiding smacking - and ending up with If the decision to ban smacking was to be made on intellectual

High Court. What the judgement by the President of the Family Division has indicated, in the case

to which Ms Burrows refers

grounds alone, it would have been made by now. Yours faithfully PENELOPE LEACH PETER NEWELL (Co-ordinators, Epoch - End Physical Punishment of Children),

Swedish interiors

From Mr Robin Butler Sir, I was surprised by the reported amazement of Sotheby's experts (Saleroom, March 7) at the condition of the Turner water-colour of Hampton Court Palace, which had come from a Swedish summer house

On visits to Sweden with the Furniture History Society I have found the condition of Swedish interiors to be quite remarkable for their fine state of preservation. I think this can be put down to the following reasons:

1. As most Swedes have summer and winter houses by tradition, they use each house much less. When vacating them, they tend to cover everything up and close the shutters, preserving the contents from ultra-violet light. 2. They don't have the equivalent

of antiques roadshows, National Trust or other organisations promoting an interest in historic interiors. Thus they do not have hordes of visitors to houses, wearing out the fabric. 3. For centuries, the law of primo-

geniture obtained and collections therefore passed intact from generation to generation. Much mage is done when delicate items like water-colours are traded in the marketplace.

Maybe we have a lesson or two to learn from the Swedish heritage. Yours sincerely, ROBIN BUTLER, 20 Clifton Road.

Bristol, Avon.

"well off" should sell up all comfort before protesting.

I take issue on both counts. First, taxation of wealth should be the vehicle by which Government builds a framework of support for the less well-off over a long term, and not the creation of artificial differentials in the price of services. Secondly, his local scenes of protest are not only not perpetrated by extremists, they are probably not perpetrated by the poor and disadvantaged either (such people usually suffer silently these days).

Such protests are more than likely perpetrated by the likes of my wife and myself who find intolerable the Government assumption (shared it seems by the Bishop) that many middle-range salary earning families have the means to absorb a doubling of this strand of taxation. Yours faithfully,

KEITH ROBINSON, The Wilderness. Littlewick Green, Berkshire. March 13.

77 Holloway Road, N7. March 12.

Church plate

From Mr L. Brace Sir, I was most interested by Simon Tait's article on the Falstaff Cup (March 10) but must point out that the cup belongs to the church of St Magnus the Martyr.

It did, indeed, prior to 1831 belong to the vestry of St Michael, Crooked Lane, that church being demolished to make way for Rennie's London Bridge. St Michael was united with St Magnus and, of course, St Michael's plate, both secular and sacred, was lodged in the strongroom at St Magnus. The Falstaff Cup and St Michael's Bason now reside in St Paul's Treasury, on permanent loan from the rector, churchwardens, and parochial church council of St Magnus.

I shall, of course, be sending an order for a copy of the cup. Yours faithfully, BRACE (Parish Clerk at St. Magnus the Martyr), 181 Fentiman Road, SW8.

March thoughts

But, from knowledge acquired on the trip, I suspect that what he saw on the road from his cruise ship's harbour to Punto Tumbo were not "a few loopy rabbits", as he calls them, but examples of the Patagonian hare (Dolichotis Patagonum).

This attractive animal, endemic to the region, is found in groups and can be a disconcerting sight, particularly at night when the observer has had alcoholic refreshment, as it stands some 30 inches high and does not flee at once. Strictly, it is not a hare like the European hare at all but a hyrax. well adapted to the plateaux of this part of the sub-continent.

It has powerful hind legs, ending not in paws but in a unique type of hoof capable of propelling it in a jump of 5 or 6 feet, and of packing a formidable kick which, if I was a Patagonian hare, I would use to good effect on the next travel correspondent to identify me as a "loopy rabbit".

Yours faithfully, A. J. BLACKBURN, Epworth House, 25 City Road, ECI. March 12

From Mr A. J. Blackburn Sir, Now that direct flights have resumed between Britain and Argentina Michael Watkins' travel article on Patagonia (March 3) was timely. Having travelled independently to that remote but fascinating region last year, I can endorse his recommendation.

COURT

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 14: His Excellency Mr Chan Phong was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleni-potentiary from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the

Court of St James's. His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Bui Xuan Khoa (Second Secretary) and Mrs Nguyen Thi Yen (Second Secretary). Madame Dao Thi Ngan was also received by The

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Queen held a Council at 12.30pm. There were present: The Lord Belstead (Lord Privy Seal acting for the Lord Presi-Seal acting for the Lord President), the Right Hon Kenneth Baker, MP (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancasser), the Right Hon Sir Patrick Mayhew, MP (Attorney General), the Right Hon Sir Nicholas Lyell, MP (Solicitor General) and the Right Hon John Patten, MP (Minister of State Howse (Minister of State, Home

The Right Hon Sir Nicholas Lyell and the Right Hon John Patten, having been previously appointed Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, took the necessary Oaths. The Hon Sir Andrew Leggatt (Lord Justice of Angest) was supported in the Research Council of the Pattern C

Appeal) was sworn in as a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

At the Council The Queen pricked the List of High Sheriffs for the Counties of England (other than Counties and those (other than Cornwall and those in the Duchy of Lancaster) and Wales. Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council. The Lord Belstead had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

After the Council, the Right Hon Kenneth Baker, MP, had an audience of The Queen when Her Majesty pricked the List of High Sheriffs for the Counties of the Duchy of Lancaster

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening at-tended a reception at St James's Palace given by the Church Urban Fund, and were received by the Archbishop of Canter-bury (Chairman) and Sir Richard O'Brien (Vice Chairman).

The Countess of Airlie, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine and Wing Com-mander David Walker, RAF,

were in attendance.
The Duke of Edinburgh
(Honorary Life Member, Royal

Association of British Dairy Farmers) this morning pres-ented The Prince Philip Award for 1989 and Certificates of Merit for Research and Develop-ment in the Field of British Dairy Farming at Buckingham

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member, attended a lunch with the General Committee of Lloyd's Register of Shipping at their Headquarters in Fenchurch Street, London EC3. His Royal Highness was received by Sir Roderick Mac-Leod (Chairman). Major Sir Guy Acland, Bt, was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 14: The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting & Ctothing Export Council, this morning visited Vibeke, Teddington, Middlesex. Afterwards Her Royal High-

ness, President, British Olympic Association, attended a National Olympic Committee Meeting at Wandsworth Plain, London SW18.

This afternoon Her Royal Highness, Chancellor of the University of London, attended the Presentation Ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall and a Presentation Service in West-minster Cathedral Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE March 14: The Prince of Wales,

President, The Prince's Trust, chaired a meeting of the President's Committee at St James's Palace. KENSINGTON PALACE

March 14: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present today at the Bar-bican Hall at the Annual Council Meeting of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.
The Hon Mrs Whitehead was

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Gala Performance of "Sunday in The Park With George" at the Royal National Theatre in aid of the Family Welfare Association and Royal National Theatre Foundation. The Lady Glenconner was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE

March 14: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Nor-wich and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman). In the morning His Royal Highness opened the new Nor-wich Union Insurance Group

Headquarters, Sentinel House Surrey Street, Norwich. In the afternoon the Duke of Glorester visited St Martin in Palace Probation and Commu-

nity Centre, Norwich.
Subsequently, His Royal
Highness visited the offices of
Feiden and Mawson (Archi-

Birthdays today

Butler, senior partner, Peat Marwick McLintock, 61; Sir British Home Stores, 77; Lord Constantine of Stanmore, 80; Mr John Duttine, actor, 42; the Right Rev John Gibbs, former op of Coventry, 73; Professor John Gillingham, nearologist, 74; Earl Haig, 72; Mr Nicholas Hinton, director-general, Save the Children Fund, 48; Sir Leonard Knowles, former Chief Justice of The Ba-Raymond Lygo, 66; Professor Joan Mitchell, economist, 70; Mr Michael Moore, chairman, NSPCC, 54; Mr Robert Nye, novelist and poet, 51; Sir George Pollock, QC, 89; Sir Philip

Mr C.E.H. Chrit and Miss N.L.C. Lentati

The engagement is announced between Charles, youngest son of Sir William Clark MP and

Lady Clark, of The Clock House Box End, Bedfordshire,

and Nicoletta, daughter of Mr Mario Lentati, of Tragarthen,

Helford Passage, Cornwall, and Mrs Paul Morgan, of Malverleys, East Woodhay, Hampshire.

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Bascombe, of Bourne-

mouth, Dorset, and Deborah,

daughter of Mr and Mrs T.I.

Carol Cazabon, of Cambridge

The engagement is announced between Edward, eldest son of

Or and Mrs Francis Fishwick, of

Cariton, Bedfordshire. and

Emma, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Lamb, of Bristol.

Great Bedwyn, Wiltshire.

and Miss E.C. Lamb

Mr A.J. Bascante and Miss D.E. Belt

Mr J.H.A. Fee

and Miss L.C. Bailey

Lord Annaly, 63; Mr Alexander Powell. CH, architect, 69; Lord Group, 54; Miss Isobel Bu-chanan, soprano, 36; Mr P.J. emy of Dancing, 44.

Anniversaries Births: Andrew Jackson, gen-

eral, 7th president of the USA 1829-37, Waxhaw, South Caro-line, 1767; William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne, prime minister 1834, 1835-41, London, 1779; Dame Madge Kendal, actress, Cleethorpes,

Deaths: Julius Caesar, assas sinared, Rome, 44BC; Luig Cherubini, composer, Paris, 1852; Sir Henry Bessemer, engineer, inventor, steel manufac-turer, London, 1898; Walter Crane, illustrator, Horsham, Crane, 1915: Nicholas U, the last Russian

OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH LAMORNA KERR

A Cornish artist who sat as a child for Augustus John



DR VIVIAN LIPMAN

Spare-time historian who worked to save old towns

being of historic towns in Queen.

of the Environment, he saw the need for a fresh intitiative for the repair and upkeep of the extraordinarily rich heritage of fine buildings in Chester, York, Bath and Chichester. They were the first four places chosen for an experiment in conservation. which helped to ensure their future health.

The Department paid a quarter of the cost of repairs, the local authority paid a quarter, and the owner was left to pay only haif.

Being as well responsible for ums and libraries, Lipman found himself in the middle of the argument over plans to provide a new home for the British Library. The original idea was to put it near the British Museum, which caused an outcry because old Bloomsbury houses would have been sacrificed for it. Lipman pushed for an alternative site - in Euston Road.

He was also responsible for the fabric of Windsor Castle. James's Palace, Hampton cal Society of England, which

The engagement is annou

Mr FLF.S. Seavill and Miss K.L. Alverer

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Culverstone, Kent,

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between Jeremy, second son of Mr J.E. Scholes, Tredington,

Mr J.E. Scholes, Tredington, Warwickshire, and Mrs V.A. Neale, Selly Park, Birmingham, and Susie-Ann, only daughter of Mrand Mrs W.R. Cheshire, The Upper Hyde, Rushock, Nr Droitwich, Worcestershire.

The engagement is announced between Hector Francis Stuart,

second son of Mr and Mrs Colin Seavill, of Barnoldby-Le-Beck, South Humberside, and Krista

Lynn, younger daughter of Mr Robert Alvarez and Mrs Grace Wiswell, of California, USA.

and Miss A.J. Ferguson
The engagement is announced between Kit, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Smith, of Tobacco Warf, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and Awanda daughter of

and Amanda, daughter of Captain and Mrs Alan Ferguson, of Culver Lodge,

The engagement is announced

between John, only son of Mr A. Sowerby, Saughall,

daughter of Mr and Mrs James

Chester, and Angela,

Dr Vivian Lipman, CVO, who Court, Kensington Palace, and he served in many capacities, died on March 10 at the age of the Tower of London. He was 69, stimulated a new drive to appointed CVO, an honour ensure the architectural well- which is in the gift of the He received the Gold Medal

As Director of Ancient of the Royal Town Planning Monuments and Historic Institute; at the time of his Buildings at the Department death he was Chairman of the Conference on Training in Architectural Conservation; and he was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. There was another brilliant side to his life — Anglo-Jewish

Vivian David Lipman was born in London on February 27, 1921, and educated at St Paul's School and at Magdalen College, Oxford. He earned his doctorate with a study of Anglo-Jewish social history 1850-1950, published in 1954.

By then he had entered the Civil Service and had already the fabric of national muse published his Local Government Areas 1834 to 1945.

In the best traditions of an earlier age of scholarship Lipman pursued his interest in Anglo-Jewish history in his leisure time. The results encompass the medieval and the modern periods. His Jews of Medieval Norwich (1967) exploited the rich seams of information provided by the Latin rolls and Hebrew starrs (pre-1290 money-lending documents). The Trans-Buckingham Palace, St actions of the Jewish Histori-

among them as one-time editor and a term as president. include many papers by him covering the evolution of the 19th century community.

His last book, which appeared only weeks before his death, was Americans and the Holy Land Through British Eyes 1820-1917. Hardly less valuable than

his own scholarly contributions was his unobtrusive work as an editor of collected volumes dealing with a common topic, The Century of Moses Montefiore, edited jointly with his wife in 1985, examined Montefiore's work and achievements against a sober appreciation of the financial and diplomatic realities of the 19th century.

As editor of 43 titles in the Littman Library of Jewish sible to a wide public a number of important new studies as well as translations from European languages and from Hebrew of various scholarly monographs and of classical Jewish texts that had previously been accessible only to those who were familiar with Rabbinic Hebrew.

Lipman married Sonia Sensive who pre-deceased him; there is one son of the martiage.

The artist Elizabeth Lamorna inherited, what Laura Knight Kerr, who died on March 8 at described as her father's "radiant friendly look and smile" the age of 85 in her home. Flagstaff Cottage in Lamorna she exhibited from 1939-1951 Cove, Cornwall, was the elder at the Royal Academy where her work was once hung on the daughter of Samuel John line alongside that by her Lamorna Birch RA. She was one of the last surviving links father. For some years she worked with the members of the colony of artists, among them

as a milliner in London and while there met, and married Munnings and Laura and Harold Knight, who settled in and around Laurorna Cove in in 1932, the author and mariner James Lennox Kerr, who under the pseudonym of Peter Dawlish, wrote a number of It was her father who, books for boys. despite being a near contem-porary and friend of Stanhope The couple came to live in

Comwall in the late Thirties. Lamorna Kerr was best known for her still life and landscape studies, as well as her driftwood sculptures. Like her father, from whom she had received informal art lessons in her early years, she was particularly proficient at handling good light.

as his own the name of the place where he was to die in "Mornie" did more than anyone to keep the spirit of Born in Flagstaff Cottage on August 27, 1904, E. Lamorna Flagstaff Cottage as a tribute to the memory of her father and to the love of en plein air a tutor-governess and at Badpainting possessed by him and minton House in Clifton. the generation of painters who followed him to Lamorna. She was busy promoting, and occasionally selling, his canvases from his Lamorna Bristol. Known to her family and friends as "Mornie", as a child she often sat for her father and his colleagues, and appeared in paintings by him studio in the Fifties and and in others by Augustus John, T.C. Gotch and the Sixties, long before the up-surge in interest, if not boom, in British Impressionists.

For several years she tu-tored, and exhibited with, her own group of artists.

An accomplished artist in She is survived by her son her own right and one who Adden.

THE MARQUESS OF **CHOLMONDELEY**

Master of Ceremonial

The Marquess of Cholmondeley, GCVO, MC, DL, Lord Great Chamberlain of England, who was born on April 24, 1919, died on Marc 13. He was 70.

the early part of this century.

Forbes and the Newlyn School

of artists, showed an indepen-

dence of spirit when he first

came to Cornwall in 1889,

choosing to live in Lamorna

rather than Newlyn. Later, to

avoid confusion with another

artist, Lionel Birch, working

in nearby Newlyn, he adopted

Kerr was educated at home by

Knights. Only a few mouths

ago a photograph of her by

Robert Mort was one of the

prize winners in the 1989 Jane

Bown Portrait Award.

Hugh Cholmondeley succeeded his father "Rock Cholmondeley as sixth Marquess of Cholmondeley and as joint hereditary Lord Great Chamberlain of England in

Hereditary right could not have produced a better man for the office of Lord Great Chamberlain. Cholmondeley loved his duties. He was, like his father, devoted to uniforms and the whole panoply of State Ceremony. As Lord Great Chamberlain

he was married with the care of certain parts of the Palace of Westminster, namely the Robing Room and the Royal the Speakers of both Houses of Parliament, of Westminster Hall and the Crypt Chapel. Cholmondeley served in the

1st Royal Dragoons during the last war in Italy, France and Europe and retired in 1946 as a Major and with the Military

His concern with the other ranks was always manifest and when he became Lord Great Chamberlain he was well known for his interest in the son David George Philip.



soldiery, door keepers and staff of the House of Lords. He was a born courtier who enjoyed the admiration and esteem of a wide circle of friends in all walks of life.

As Lord Great Chamberlain he was entitled to take part in the ceremony of the introduction of new peers into the House of Lords.

ercised this right he took great pleasure in assisting, with the Earl Marshal, at the introduction of the Duke of York. He was a good squire to his

tenants and a firm friend to the many who knew him. He is survived by his wife. son, three daughters and is

succeeded as both Marquess of Cholmondeley and as Lord Great Chamberlain (until the end of the present reign) by his

Sir Kennedy Trevaskis, KCMG, OBE, who was High Commissioner for Aden and

the Protectorate of South Arabia from 1963 to 1964, died vesterday at the age of 75. He will probably be beg remembered for his connec. tion with the ill-fated, and short-lived, Federation of South Arabia, of which he was

SIR KENNEDY

TREVASKIS The Arabic maze

often regarded as the architect He had been Adviser and British Agent for the Western Aden Protectorate from 1954 to 1962 before taking up the High Commissioner's post Gerald Kennedy Nicholas

Trevaskis was born on January 1, 1915, and educated at Mariborough and King's College, Cambridge. He joined the Colonial Civil Service in 1938 At the outbreak of the

Second World War he enlisted in the Northern Rhodesia Regiment but was taken trisoner in British Somaliland in 1941. Released after the Ital. ian surrender, he spent the rest of the war in the British Military Administration in Eritrea.

Trevaskis first went to Aden in 1951. The wind of change and the "Voice of Cairo," would soon change every-thing. The aim was a federarion of states.

After the decision to transfer the British base in the Middle East from the Canal Zone a stable and contented Aden and hinterland was essential. Trevaskis as British Agent bore the brunt of the negotiations with the suitans, sheikhs and amirs and in-auguration of the Federation took place in 1959.

When, after much wrangling, Aden was finally per-suaded to join in 1962, the Imam Ahmed suddenly died and revolution followed in the Yemen. These events drastically changed the whole

In December 1963 an attempt was made to assessinate Trevaskis while he was waiting at Aden airport to board his plane for London. His life was saved by an aide. Trevaskis was slightly wounded in the hand. An

emergency was declared.

An ill-advised military operation was undertaken in the Rasfan to which Trevaskis was opposed.

Following Labour's win in the 1964 elections he was relieved of his post as High Commissioner and Federation was doomed: Trevaskis was in some that the archetype of the British

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colonial administrator a tall, rugged man with a pipe always between his teeth. But he was possessed of a steering his way through the maze of South Arabian poli-

tics with great skill. Trevaskis was a forceful personality who was not always easy to serve, but he was a big enough man to admit his mistakes, as he did in his autobiography, Shades of Amber, which appeared in 1968. He was made KCMG in 1963.

In 1945 Trevaskis manued Sheila James Harrington. They had two sons and one

Archaeology

Tree-rings hold secret of tomb's past

Study of tree-rings nearly six thousand years old has enabled archaeologists to reconstruct the building of a neolithic tomb in the Fens. Preserved by waterlogging, the oak burial chamber is a rare example of prehistoric carpentry to survive the millennia.

The tomb, at Foulmire Fen near Haddenham, Cambridgeshire, was uncovered in late 1986 during survey and excavation work along the edge of the Fens: it lies just where the River Ouse entered the wetlands, and the timber chamber and the long barrow mound covering it were soon buried by peat, accounting for the exceptional state of preservation.

Two articles in the latest issue of Current Archaeology describe how the tomb was rescued and investigated: English Heritage provided both money and the services of its conservation department, and the timbers are currently stored under controlled conditions in Sheffield while experiments in preservation are carried out.

The striking feature of the wooden chamber, Paul Shand and Ian Hodder report, is that it replicates the construction techniques of a megalithic tomb, but using massive oak planks instead of stone slabs. The chamber was box-like, about a metre high and wide and seven metres (23ft) long, and split into two portions by large oak posts which supported the flat roof and walls. The floor, where it existed, was also of oak.

Dr Ruth Morgan, who has analysed the timbers, says that in all likelihood only one or two oaks were felled for the tomb, and that they were three to four centuries old and up to 1.5 metres (5ft) in diameter. By matching the pattern of the tree-rings in the planks and posts, she shows that the roof and floor of the front part of the chamber, the floor of the rear part, and the posts at the centre and rear of the structure were from the same tree.

Details of the wood were remarkably intact after six thousand years, Dr Morgan says. By matching up the series of tree-rings from the timbers Dr Morgan has established a sequence of 243 years of growth, including two episodes of restricted growth which could have been due to some natural disaster. So far the sequence has not been linked with the abiy lies between 4,000 and 3,500 BC. Radiocarbon dates on the rings will be used to establish a connection. The planks were some four metres

(14ft) long, 1.3 metres wide and up to 10 centimetres (4in) thick, split across the full diameter of the tree trunk. There was no sign of re-use, indicating that the trees had been felled for the tomb. Mr Shand and Dr Hodder say that the

chamber had been dismantled and burned before the covering mound was thrown up, and the discovery of burned and smashed pottery vessels in front of the tomb indicates that this was a ritual act. Similar episodes of burning have been found on neolithic tombs as far away as Scotland, and "burning is such a widespread phenomenon that it is probable that it formed a traditional part of the burial process", they say.

"In most cases the burning was so intense that it reduced the structures to charcoal; we are lucky that so much has survived at Haddenham. A chamber as well preserved may never again be located." master tree-ring chronologies, but prob- Source: Current Archaeology 118: 339-

Lectures

Royal Over-Seas League"
Mr William Cooper was the
speaker at a lecture held last
night at Over-Seas House, St nght at Over-Seas House, St. James's, as part of an annual series of literary lectures presented by the Royal Over-Seas League in association with the Book Trust, the Royal Society of Literature, the Society of Authors and the Library Association. Mr Mark Lefanu, General Secretary of the Society of Secretary of the Society of Authors, presided.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, patronand trustee, will attend a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme dinner at St James's Palace at 6.55. Prince Edward, Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Special Project Group, will also attend.

The Duchess of Gioucester willattend a performance at the Westminster Theatre at 7.50 in aid of the Development Trust for the Young Disabled.

High Sheriffs

The Queen pricked the following names of High Sheriffs within the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster on the Lites yesterday at a Privy Coun-cil meeting in London: Lancashire: Mr Patrick William Townsend.

Greater Manchester: Mr Norman Quick Manchester: Commander Edward John Billington.

Marriage

Sir Charles Elton, Bt and Miss L. Heller The marriage took place on March 2, 1990, between Sir Charles Elton, Bt, son of Lady Elton and the late Sir Aribur Elton, Bt, and Miss Lucy Heller, daughter of Mrs Caroline Garnham and the late Mr Lukes Heller.

Warminster School

The Governors announce the ppointment of Mr Timothy Holgate, currently a Housemaster at Mariborough College, to be Master of War-minster School from September i, 1990, in succession to Mr Malcolm Green, who is moving to become Headmaster of Etham College, London.

Dinners

alation for Science and

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Service dinner Royal Society. Dr Gary Acres, Professor Sir Geoffrey Allen, Professor Cyril Hilsum, Dr Peter Harrop and Dr Paulo Fasella also spoke. Among others present were:

Lord Bridges, Lord Chorley, Baroness David, Lord Gregson, Lady Lloyd of Kilgerran, Professor Sir Frederick Crawford, Sir Francis Graham-Smith, Sir Ronald Halstead, Professor Sir Graham Hills, Sir Ian Lloyd, MP. Sir John Misson. Sir George Perter, Old St. Trever Creat MP. Cir Martin Wood. Dr. Lewis Mounts, MP. Nr Gary Weller, MP. Mr Cacar Rolls 2nd Dr. P. T. Warren.

Two Cities Dining Club The Very Rev Eric Evans, Dean

Forthcoming marriages

emperor abdicated, 1917.

The engagement is announced en Nicholas, elder son of Mr John Gaynor, of Hermanu Cape, South Africa, and Mrs Jane Gaynor, of Holland Park, London, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Crothers, of Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Mr R. Rahn and Miss E. Becker The forthcoming marriage in August, is announced between Richard, son of David and Elisabeth Kahn, of Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Elaine, daughter of Ronald and Elizabeth Becker, of Putney, SW15. Mr A.J. McRoberts and Miss J.D. Heavyside

Bolt, of Hurstpierpoint, The engagement is announced between Andrew James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Neil McRoberts, of Romiley, Cheshire, and Janet Dawn, youngest daughter of Mr and The engagement is announced between Jake, elder son of the Mrs Allen Heavyside, of and Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Bailey, of Woodley, Cheshire.

Mr D.S. Nicholson and Miss S.C. Flooks The engagement is announced between Douglas, only son of and Miss A. Harvey-Jones Mr H.A. Nicholson and the late Mrs F.R. Nicholson, of Edinburgh, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs O.O.F. Ffooks, of Lammas House, Ling

of St Paul's, was the guest of

honour at the Two Cities Dining

Club dinner held last night at

the St Ermin's Hotel Mr

Squadron Leader P.R. Dixon.

Commander of the Cambridge

University Air Squadron, pre-sided at the annual dunner held

last night at Selwyn College, Cambridge Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight, the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge

University and President of Wolfson College, and the Mas-

ter of Selwyn College, were the principal guests. Mr Michael Marshall and the Air Officer

Commanding and Commandant RAF College Cranwell

Kenneth Dibben presided.

Cambridge University Air

Harvey-Jones, Jersey, CL

Lloyd's Register The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member of Lloyd's Register General Committee, was the guest of honour at a luncheon held yesterday at the society's headquarters in Fenchurch Street Sir Roderick MacLeod, chairman, was host, Among

those present were: Enose present were:

Be E Boordon (chairman, Light's Begister') Ballan Communer, Mr W M Browwer (chairman, Nedwerlands Communer, Mr G M M Grower (chairman, German Communer), Mr J de Sendagrie (chairman, Santan Cosmuner), Mr B M Turner (chairman, Scottan Communer), Mr B R Chapdier, Mr R G Crawford, Mr N M Forster, Mr J G S Hartigan, Mr J M Houster, Dr P A Alline and Mr A B Num.

Leed Colley of Ashibourse Lord Cullen of Ashbourne was host yesterday at a luncheon held at the House of Lords to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the GHQ Li-aison Regiment (Phantom).

Luncheons

Mr Barry Pinson QC and the members of his clumbers were hosts at a luncheon given at the Savoy Hotel yesterday to mark the retirement of their Senior Clerk, Norman Bennett, after more than 30 years' service.

Receptions Prime Mini

The Prime Minister was host at a reception held yesterday at 10 Downing Street in bonour of the overseas delegates of the thirtyninth Parliamentary Semina 1990 of the Commonwealth M Paimos Gallle ann

Sir Colin Davis, conductor, was

appointed Commandeur de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres of

France by M Philippe Guillemin, Cultural Councillor, French Embassy, on behalf of M

Jack Lang, French Minister of Culture, at a reception held yesterday at the French Embassy. Mr John Higgins, The Times, has been promoted to Officier and Mr Peter Greensway, film director, has been installed. Chevalier.

Appointments Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones to be Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man in succession to

Major General Sir Laurence New. He will take up office in

the autumn. Mr Peter Dean to be deputy chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for three years from March 1. Mrs. Catherine Blight, Mr Patrick Brenau, Professor Patrick Minford and Professor John Pickering to be reserve mem-

bers of the commission

Memorial service Mr Ruskin Spear A service of thanksgiving for the

life of Mr Ruskin Spear was held yesterday at St James's, Picca-dilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. Mr Roger de Grey, President of the Royal Academy, read the lesson and Mr Colin Hayes gave an address.

Mr Robert Tear, tenor, sang Bist du bei mir by J.S. Bach and Mr Superior Grad Locater. Mr Sverrier Gud-Jonsson, counter tenor, sang Shake-speare's Few no more the hard o' the sun with music, arranged for the service, by Mr Howard Blake and accompanied by Mr Terry McNamara, organ. Mr Kenneth Bell, flute, played Syr-inx by Debussy. Among others

hreegal Were.

Mrs Spear (wislow), Mr Roper Speer (grandson), Mr Throcky Speer (grandson), Mr J Waddington.

The Hon Charles Allegey (charass. Christies) with Mr Robert Consumer. San With Mr Robert Consumer. San Authory on Lady Cason.



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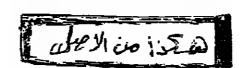
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Defection cost his family dear

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Somewhere inside Richard Den-ton's Born in the USSR, on BBC 2 lest night, was a still more intriguing documentary struggling to get out. Ostensibly, this was an account

of the Russian pianist and conductor Viadimir Ashkenazy returning to his homeland last November for the first time since his defection to the West 26 years ago. The homecoming concert with the Royal Philharmonic was set up as a feature of the new glasmost, and was to be followed by a political debate which allowed Denton to look through Ashkenazy's eyes at

the changing Gorbachov scene. But a brief initial interview with Ashkenazy's father suggested an altogether different and more personal scenario. In the father's view, his son's defection led directly to the mother's death of a heart attack; and the family association with the musician who under the old regime was classified as a traitor to his homeland.

Brief shots of his sister and her family beaming nervously through the official bomecoming receptions gave no real hint of the trauma the Ashkenazy family must have suf-fered, and that would surely have been the more unusual story.

Instead we got a ritual run around the usual "how long can it last?" anestions about perestroika. with Ashkenazy in debate with Andrei Gavrilov. He is another Tchaikovsky Prize-winner and in many ways Ashkenazy's younger self, but one who has a much easier and richer life in the post-glasmost Soviet Union.

Clearly the musical community in Moscow is uncertain about how long Gorbachov can hold the centre ground at a time of renewed anti-Semitism and colonial rioting - "people don't want freedom of the Press, they want sausages," as one old friend put it. We left Ashkenazy back in his old country home, wondering whether to buy a nearby dacha but noting carefully that he will only continue to return to the Soviet Union so long as the

What the family really thought of his homecoming, or whether his Swiss-educated children will ever polerstand what their father and his family have been through in the name of exile were areas left maddeningly unspoken and un-

On Channel 4, Malcolm Brinkworth for Dispatches told the story of Gerry O'Hanion, who for 30 years has been a freelance agent DESTRICT formation on IRA terrorists. O'Hanloo has now been totally trocted, and that is not of course his real name: behind the beard and the thick Guinness accent there doubtless larks an elderly French woman with a

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The tales he had to tell made up a chilling catalogue of under-ground and undercover manneuvres, with cross and doublecross in a sleazy selection of unbe which he first visited as an Irish -smuggler in the middle 1950s. Now there is a career prospect you might never have considered for your children.

Tim Pigott-Smith, actor and artistic director of the touring Compass Theatre Company, talks to Jim Hiley

All the country's a stage

n the early 1980s, classical drama looked likely to become the exclusive preserve of the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company. Financial constraints had those with large casts - beyond the reach of most regional repertory theatres. Shakespeare was expected to be the chief casualty.

But today, the theatrical map is criss-crossed by itinerant productions of large-cast classical plays. A crop of new companies is revivifying the old commercial touring venues. The regions are enjoying a Shakespeare boom.

Twin factors lie behind this trend. Among audiences, a fresh appetite for demanding fare has emerged. The 1980s may have seen an upsurge of philis but the theatre public began to weary of it well before the end of the decade. The companies, for their part, have managed to recruit top-drawer performers, who were seldom to be seen in the regions 10 years ago. Here, a decrease in lucrative television jobs has conspired with a growing alienation from the big national institutions.

"You rarely speak to actors leaving the National or RSC without some residual bitterness." says Tim Pigott-Smith, a veteran of both companies who now heads the Compass touring group. "The RSC, especially, has been a battlefield for directorial ambition. Performers feel used."

Actor-friendly organizations like Pigott-Smith's have scooped up the benefits. He claims that a National Theatre director told him recently: "You have a better company than us at the moment." Most of the leaders of the touring revival have done National service; all have worked at the RSC.

They include the Michaels Bogdanov and Pennington, whose English Shakespeare Company won huge acclaim for The Wars of the Roses and has just embarked on an ambitious programme of eight new productions over three years. Kenneth Branagh's Renais-



Tim Pigoti-Smith: incisive speaker of verse, now the unpaid leader of a company of RSC and NT veterans

sance group will return in June with King Lear and A Midsummer Night's Dream. And this week Compass has begun a 10-week tour of Julius Caesar at the Buxton Opera House.

The new companies have proved adept at raising sponsorship and high-profile patronage, of which Prince Charles's endorsement of Renaissance is the most striking example. But the secret of their success lies with the paying customers. Seventy per cent of Compass's income is generated at the box office. For the ESC, the figure is nearer 80 per cent.

Compass was founded by the late Sir Anthony Quayle in 1984. Two years ago, he invited Pigott-Smith to become joint artistic director - an unexpected move that now looks inspired. PigottSmith is best known for his performance as Captain Merrick in Granada TV's The Jewel in the Crown, but he is an incisive speaker of verse, with a gift for harnessing the least tractable roles - witness his superb Leontes at the National in 1988. His newfound role as actor-impresario reveals an unquestionable authority and daunting energy, though he says that negotiations with the Arts Council have brought home the need to refine

his diplomatic skills. Since Quayle's death last year, 43-year-old Pigott-Smith has been in sole charge of Compass. He made his debut with the company as director of the first major revival of Peter Shaffer's The Royal Hunt of the Sun, in Julius Caesar, he plays Brutus.

Pigott-Smith says Quayle be-queathed him invaluable reserves of goodwill. "Compass can ring up any theatre in the country, and they'll book us, even if they don't know what plays we'll be doing. We don't do 'safe' productions, but we do represent roots." But he confesses that, as yet, public enthusiasm for his company is not spread evenly across the nation, and he identifies a theatrical version of the north-south divide. In an attempt to do better business in the north, he plans to

open a base in Halifax this autumn. From here, Compass will travel to theatres throughout Yorkshire and adjacent counties. A production will be mounted especially for prisons, and the company will develop its ancillary programme of workshops for

young people and for the disabled.
Tim Pigott-Smith's conversational syle is a mix of Green Room and gentlemen's club. He would never lend his talent for television "voice-overs" to the Conservative Party, as did his predecessor, but he makes no secret of an old-fashioned nationalism which fuels his commitment to classical drama. "In Britain, people either take identity for granted or are not bothered about it. I hope we can interest a younger generation in what the past 400 years have to offer." Pigott-Smith's patriotism is such that he shuns high-earning foreign tours. "I'm interested in Britain. Let's serve the regions, I

igott-Smith admits that his zeal makes him "embarrassingly right" for the role of Brutus, in what he calls "the first of Shakespeare's great tragedies".

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"Like Brutus, I am an idealist. That's how you get people into battle. But his emotions are controlled by his philosophy. He is a thinker above all else, and capable of a weird self-deception. It's true that he is 'the noblest Roman of them all', but it's also the case that every major decision

he takes turns out to be wrong." Pigott-Smith will draw a salary while playing Brutus, but the artistic directorship is unpaid. He subsidizes it with "voice-overs" for the likes of Prudential, the NatWest, Duckham's and Ford, and with more taxing television work. In a new Anglia series, The Chief, which begins transmission next month, he plays a chief constable who grapples with such nsitive issues as freemasonry and prison riots.

Whatever controversy sur-rounds The Chief, Pigott-Smith is likely to remain immersed in Shakespeare and the exigencies of actor-management, "The crest of productivity is on the decline. Survival is now the name of the same." You feel that Compass will be among the survivors.

Strangely tentative

CONCERT Paul Griffiths

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Mahler has been in Simon Rattle's repertoire since his student days, and there was abundant evidence here of his keen feeling for the Mahlerian edge between fullness and delicacy as he were his orchestra around Bereadette Greevy's voice in the Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen: the climax of the third song was beautifully conjured, and made the high point of the whole

But Bruckner is much newer territory for him, and the performance of the Seventh Symphony that followed was one of those fascinating Rattle occasions when exciting possibilities are sometimes realized, sometimes tketched, and sometimes just not achieved. On the positive side, the long melodies — those at the openings of the first and third more-ments, for instance - were modelled with a quite musual finesse: minutely phrased and dynamically shaded without sac-

tificing the larger breath.

Another ususual and persuasive feature was the range and control of tone. No other orchestra in this country can produce as fine and steady a pianissimo as the City of Birmingham Symphony for Rattle, and this symphony provided opportunities for that stillness at ments of fall and expectancy. Similarly, Rattle and the CBSO can produce majestic, balanced fortissimos of unparallelled power, and at the climax of the slow rement it seemed that the Town Hall had been turned into a huge, ciangorous bell. Again, this was the point that the whole slow movement, taken very generously, had been moving towards.

The sheer range of volume was also necessary to articulate the symphony, especially the first movement, as a wave motion of thrust and relaxation, with a quality of physical energy in the sound that made Bruckner seem, convincingly, as much a mechanical engineer as a meditative. Then at the opening of the finale, the more spasmodic gestures had an almost Mahlerian bite; a provocative suggestion that there is still some sense in the old pairing of the

some sense at the out pairing of the symphonic heavyweights. Carlossly, though, the thunder-ing energy of the scherzo was not fully delivered, and there was something tentative about the constraint of the finale, so doubt because that movement backed the formidable integrity of the adaglo. The number of fluffs also sugpested this was a staging-post pietely colossal.

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There appears to be an insatiable public appetite for twinkling young chaps singing whimsical witticisms in close harmony. Provided, that is, the performers follow two simple rules. The group's title must be a permutation or pun on certain code-words, hike "King's", "Cantab", "light blue" or "scholars". Nothing snobbish, you understand; just a subtle reassurance that the boys did not meet at Willesden Poly.

Then, the artistic profile must be a mixture of college-chapel musicality and Footlights hum-our. Or, if talent does not stretch to that, of Footlights musicality and college-chapel humour. Cantabile's talent does stretch a

long way, though not quite far enough to prove the wisdom of closing the first half with an impression of four lager louts being sick. Zippy stage routines, eclectic repertoire, amplification and keyboard backing: the closeharmony package has certainly become slicker in recent years. Now it is a Michael Jackson

song which jostles with the takeoff of Beethoven. Cantabile glide from folk-song to soft-pop without any feeling of anachronism. Perhaps it only demonstrates that there is but a short step between "O Waly, Waly" and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

In fact the evening was overloaded with theatreland plugs: Aspects, Cats, Les Mis and Evita were all featured. Inserting a memory lapse into "Memory" was a jolly jape; but it would take a sainther temperament than your correspondent's to appreciate the "guest star", Tim Rice, crooning "Wanderin' Star"

The real singers were first-rate, the arrangements classy. But Cantabile's humour, like democracy, needs eternal vigilance. Following a properly barbed ecological song with a cheap gag like "the greenhouse effect can only be good for tomato growers" its that the performers are still a little green themselves.



Pavarotti panache has them purring

Last night at Covent Garden it seemed as though there was a parade of vintage Rolls-Royces on stage. Turn on the ignition and there was instant engagement; travel a few miles and the performance started purring com-

Here in the revival of Donizetti's Elisir d'amore was Ingvar Wixell's Sergeant Belcore, no et in the dist int military career, and Rolando Panerai's Dr Dulcamara, who has been selling elixirs for quite a few years. As for Adina, Daniela Mazzucato - and I do not wish to be ungallant - was taking the same part in this production in 1977.

However, the grandest Roller of them all was Nemorino: as everyone not west of Connemara must now know, Pavarotti is back in town. Donizetti's lovelorn farm labourer, who comes into an inheritance just at the right moment, is one of the best of the half dozen or so parts Luciano Pavarotti keeps in his theatre OPERA John Higgins

L'elisir d'amore **Covent Garden**

He has sung it around the world, 15 exactly the fight fole with with to return to the Garden after the unhappy Aida of six years ago. Pavarotti, who has clearly shed

a few pounds this year, so that he bears quite a likeness as Nemorino to Giuseppe Sinopoli, alides neatly into John Copley's highly artificial production. His Nemorino is not a yokel with straws in his hair (as he was, if memory serves, in Paris), but a boy who is not as bright as those around him. Adina is the smartest person in the village, as Dulcamara rucfully observes.

Pavarotti, at jast revealing (at least as far as London is concerned) his true sense of comedy, clutches his bottle of clixir as a

baby might cling onto its milk. The opening aria "Quanto e bella" was unduly nasal, but Pavarotti showed his real vocal form in the exchanges with Adina, culminating in "Adina, credimi", where Copley's staging begins to look unduly chill.

Act II brought out the best, with "Una furtiva lagrima" delivered with fine ciarity and no false "Prendi: per me sei libero" showed tenor and soprano matching one another note for note, and all credit to Payarotti for not using Elisir as a tenor-only carriage.

Daniela Mazzucato's Adina was dry-toned in Act I, but later warmed to life and richness. The duet in Act II with Dulqumara had a proper Donizettian fizz about it - not always a hallmark of Rolls-Royces.

Rolando Panerai as the good Doctor, wearing the shocking purple greatcoat which has always been part of the production, took his own way with the tempi for

out, it does not connect with what

we are shown, not even to the touchingly gentle exploration of sex, with Peter Van Daan, the only boy in the group (the show is based on an edition that restores pas-

sages previously excised).



Dulcamara (Rolando Pauerai, left) and Nemorino (Luciano Pavarotti)

is the best of sparring partners given the right soprano.
Ingvar Wixell's Belcore may

now lack sufficient swagger in the voice for a proper Belcore, but there is every hint that he could become an itinerant quack like Dulcamara one of these days. Marcello Panni, who has conducted Elisir with Pavarotti a

nusic are elsewhere remarks

successful in capturing the look

and the feel, above all the enforced languor, of their lives. Cloris Kinman's set provides the eight bullvideals with inlands of terri-

tory, a muttress, a table, an iron

number of times before, made s decent impression in the pi

of this score - and he was a dab

form still, sensitively lit, painterly tableaux that use the full width

course, typically starting with a single voice and drawing in the

whole company, and if Michael Cohes's music stirs memories of

Fiddler, Maria's songs from West Side Story and even Sondheim, he

is drawing upon the Jewish tonal-ities they all are heles to. The

shapely, subtle lyrics by Enid Futterman sometimes replace thyme with rhythm, as when four

characters comment on their diet.
"It's tasteless./It's food./It's

She can also turn out a neat

marriage between rhyme and im-age. Anne sings, "Wouldn't Holly-wood be grand/If I were there and

Fred Astaire were holding my hand." You can almost hear in the words the music Cohen sets it to.

The excellent and strong-voiced cast includes Peter Reeves and

Thelma Ruby as Anne's parents, Emile Belcourt curiously under-

used as a late arrival, and Sian

Reeves, fierce and peaky, as Anne. So careful is the balance between

voice and orchestra (half hidden

behind laths above the stage) that every song word is audible. That

makes a good change in music

awful./It's gone."

The songs follow the opp

and depth of the stage.

hand at steering Rolls-Royces.

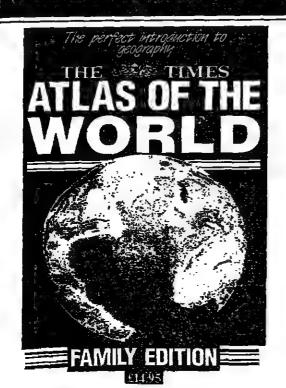
without invoking a great deal of There are plenty of laughs in the opera, not least in the orchestra where no notes are wasted. The hate John Printhard was the marker

Unlikely adaptation offers unexpected pleasure bed and so on, to which they relate to material the abow leaves That being said, the play and its



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There are gains and losses in this "music theatre" treatment of Arme Frank's diary. Music colours the emotional response of the eight hideaways, penned up for two years in an annexe behind the Frank home, but it simplifies the slow, awkward, contradictory growth of Anne herself from prious child to strange adol cent, and this leaves as an prepare for her final declaration that the

world is essentially good. Her affirmation comes when their hideout has been discovered and they are waiting, frozen into stillness and silence in the halfdark, for the dreaded knock on the door. For its chilling dramatic suspense this is a finely imagined scene, and the director, Roger es, extends it to some length of time entirely justified by the contest and the context. Thus the door becomes a rectangle of brilliant light and one by one they go out into it, though not to the freedom they have been imagining only a few moments before.

While Anne's affirmation may GENRY MURRAY

Touchingly gentle: Sian Reeves (Anne Frank) with Peter Van Daan

JAZZ Clive Davis

Eddie Harris Bass Clef

Sardines night at the Bass Clef, with the audience crammed into the tiny music room and overflowing into the smoky bar. With my face pressed against a grubby leather jacket or two, I was left to ponder the merits of National No Smoking Day. It was the kind of crush that

arises almost every time the venue

tion on this occasion was Eddie Harris, the Chicago-born saxophonist and multi-instrumentalist. making his first London

musicians to dabble with rock Frank Tontoh (drams) and the

destion ! Sa

Slightly cramped style

books a big-league American music and electronic player. The cause of the congesphernalia. "Freedom Jazz D appearance for some years.

Originally a bop player, Harris veered off on his own individualist path in the early Sixties, enjoying massive commercial success with a recording of the theme from the film Exodus. Later, he became one of the first jazz phernalia, "Freedom Jazz Dance" remains his best-known composition, thanks in part to the Miles Davis cover version on Miles Smiles. After all the experimentation,

Harris now appears happy to return to his roots as a straightahead improviser. His opening set on Tuesday night consisted of a pugnacious run through the repertoire with a pick-up band which featured Wayne Batchelor (bass),

keyboard player Andrea Vickary. By his own standards, this was a routine performance. For most of the evening he was content to maintain a frenetic, Rollins-like dialogue with the drums. His dry, clipped tone drove the group at a steady speed, though the addition of another front-line player would have added colour.

It may have been the fault of the PA system, but Vickary's electric piano sounded too insubstantial for this setting. Given the circumstances, it would be unfair to judge Harris solely on this outing. Better, perhaps, to wait until the release of his imminent new album, A Tale of Two Cities.

David Robinson on Celia from Australia, plus Conquest of the South Pole, Weekend at Bernie's and Encounter at Raven's Gate

Cold War kid is more than cute

gifted and deceptively complex film, Celia (15, Cannon, Tottenham Ct Road, Metro) is by a new Australian filmmaker, 28-year-old Ann Turper. At first sight a nostalgic reminis-cence of a far-off childhood summer, it imperceptibly turns to ironic reflection on the repressiveness of bureaucracy and political bigotry. At the same time, Turner shifts suprisingly, but confidently, back and forth from a realistic view of life in Melbourne suburbia to visions of Gothic horror.

Nine-year-old Celia's summer begins badly, with the death of her beloved granny. Things take a turn for the better when a jolly family moves in next door, and Celia gets

a pet white rabbat.

These, though, are the 1950s, when Cold War attitudes permeate Australia no less than Europe. Celia's new friends are political fellow-travellers, and her father ioins the rest of the community in harrassing and finally driving

The Red Menace finds horror-comic parallels in the Rabbit Menace that struck Australia at this time, resulting in the delib-erate spread of the awful disease, myxomatosis, Celia's furry friend is confiscated when the government, with an excess of zeal to compensate for its helplessness, rounds up pet rabbits.

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Popular protest swiftly forces officialdom to recent; and a memorable scene shows a horde of middle-class perents invading a bunny concentration camp in an effort to identify and rescue their

children's pets. These events are seen from the children's viewpoint. The war between Celia's fittle gang and a bunch of children indoctrinated by their parents with a WASP-ish terror of non-conformism, en-calates to a brutality that is a physical metaphor for the psycho-

ogical attitudes of the grown-ups. The picture, though, is not naively schematic. The "communists" next door are liberals, but - after the Soviet invasion of Hungary - far from sure of their party loyalties. The witch-hunters are confused but not outright villains they simply want to trust politicians, obey the law, and be convinced that they did not fight the Second World War in vain.

their William Shatner,

Celia's father has been conditioned to a hygienic terror of "vermin", animal or human.

Celia shows that a film can talk about serious ideas without compromising its power to intrigue and entertain. Photographed by Geoffrey Simpson (who is responsible for the remarkable images of the New Zealand film The Navigator), it is technically impeccable. Celia's nightmares, stimulated both by granny's death and by the fascinating monsters who figure in her school readers, are economically but effectively realized. Old newsreel of the war on Reds and Rabbits, seen on the family's ritual weekly visits to the pictures, evocatively convey the atmosphere of the times.

The adult performances - notably Victoria Longley and Marianne Fahey as the neighbour mothers whose mutual sympathy survives their husbands' political enmity—are unvaryingly ex-cellent; though the children steal the film. Celia herself is a real star performance by Rebecca Smart, who is 12 but manages to look the

necessary three years younger.
Freekled, pig-tailed and not really pretty, she is engaging, perceptive, intelligent, but never precocious beyond her supposed years. She has moments of innocent ruthlessness, even viciousness; and can at one moment burn her father in effigy and the next fall into his arms. The child is mother to the woman: even at nine years old we can see Celia as a furure radical intellectual.

irector Gillies Mac-Kinnon's ambitious first film, Conquest of the South Pole (12, Electric, Notting Hill), is a brave, low-budget effort by an independent Scottish production company, Jam Jar Films. Manfred Karge's play was translated to a Scottish setting in the 1988 Traverse Theatre production at the Edinburgh Festival; now MacKinnon brings this Scottish

version to the screen. The play is about five unemployed and demoralized young men who find release from their spiritual depression through a communal exercise of the imagination. In their fantasies, aided by props stolen from the local sports shop, they relive Amund-

Sheets drying in the back yards represent their tents; and they plot their icy journey through sugar spilt on cafe tables. Bystander eyebrows may be raised at what seem like loutish antics; but in their minds the boys are commit-

ted to a truly perilous adventure. It would be a considerable feat to sustain the interest of an imaginative fantasy of this sort throughout the length of a feature film; and MacKinnon does not achieve it, nor satisfactorily reconcile the realism of the setting (in and around Leith Docks) with the consciously literary language of Karge in translation. The playing of the ensemble of new faces - a couple of them from the original stage production — is admirable, though; and Sean Van Hales' photography, despite excessive fondness for overhead shots, gives the film a distinctive visual style.

Weekend at Bernie's (12, Odcon West End) is a one-joke film - the joke being a corpse which either turns up or vanishes at the most inconvenient moments. (Among others who have used it, Hitchcock did the gag very much better in *The Trouble with Harry.*) Andrew McCarthy and Jonathan Klane are a couple of idiot yuppies who get involved when their boss, for reasons of corporate convenience, is murdered.

The script makes very little sense: it is not clear, to begin with, why they do not just tell someone the man is dead; or later on why (apart from keeping the plot boiling) they are so obsessed with hanging on to the corpse. A great deal of rushing about, yelling and crashing of boats cannot conceal these holes in the script; and McCarthy and Klane are musually unsympathetic comics. The only consistent performance in the film is Terry Kiser, as the corpse.

There is more Australiana in Encounter at Raven's Gate (15. Prince Charles), a science-fiction story which occasionally compensates for poor dialogue and a muddled and truly incomprehensible story with some good visual effects, owing more to ingenuity than large resources. The director, Rolf de Heer, and his co-writer, Marc Rosenberg, are recent graduates of the Sydney Film & Television School.



Star performer: Rebecca Smart, engaging, perceptive and intelligent, in the title role of Ann Torner's Cella

Beam me up, Scotty, I have a book to write

Peter Guttridge meets William Shatner, actor and best-selling author of a possible screenplay

bushed he under the name of Lafferty, but that feels nebody. Northe Trekkies, who phose his dily. Not the journalists, stratking in the blockers hoping for a smatch interview with the 58-year-old figure, and also by a public relations woman. Her presence is at his request: a pushy journalist from a Sunday newspaper did a job on him the day before. He is here ushand mired in not one, but two court cases involving former to talk about his work as an

The stocky, slightly florid-faced ctor takes it all in his dignified His first novel. Tek War, is a best-seller in the United States. Its distribut in a shork suit and formal British publishers are giving it an initial hardback and trade papersilver tis, he walks into the room set selds for interviews with a moneyed troud. He talks in much back print run of 35,000, a Sir Alec Columens, Sir Anthony Quayle and James Mason at the Ontaric Simitospeare Francisco phenomenal number for a firsttime author. The novel is a slim addition to the science-fiction genre, "a gripping futuristic thriller by Ster Trek's own Captain Kirk", according to the blurb.

In it, 22nd-century ex-cop Jake Cardigan, in Mexico to investigate the disappearance of scientist plus lovely daughter, becomes embroiled in the eponymous drug wars. It is a fast read, with several interesting futuristic ideas, but the characters are of cardboard and the plotting is perfunctory. One suspects it is selling because of

Indeed, Tek War is a marketing product, written with television or film adaptation in mind. Shatner refers at one point in the conversa-tion to other literary "properties" that he is working on, then quickly corrects himself. "Not properties - that's just a word that entities." But he is disarmingly candid about the calculating way the book has been produced. "I did not intend to change the

world with this book. There was a certain amount of calculation mixed with a certain design to provide entertainment when I started," he says. "There was an ment in New York who suggested I write a book. What I had in mind was a character that I could play if there was going to be a screenplay.

"I wanted a straight-line story, a mystery - and a connection with science-liction because of the possibilities the commercial people were suggesting. I placed it

III MEXICI DO in terms of a film budget and anywhere too exotic would be expensive."

Shatner acknowledges in print and in person, that he had help from writer Ron Goulart. "I have the good fortune to know Ron, a good writer. Between the two of us we worked out a schedule of writing and talking, out of which the book came about. I'd write, he'd write, we'd talk on the phone. We prefer not to say it was jointly written. But there's no end of my admiration for Ros."

Shatner is already halfway through a sequel spawned by the success of Tek War, and market

forces seem to be demanding a series. "Tek War started off as one book, but it got wonderful reviews and became a bestseller. Where-upon the greed factor arose. The publishers wanted me to write mother, and now the contract no W 16K 17A to the Jake Cardigan series."

This series will be written with a film in mind. "There has been a lot of discussion about a film. I'm told that a series of books acquires more value as a film proposition

than a single book," he says. The Jake Cardigan series will be written in longhand. The man who, as Captain Kirk, deals on a daily basis with technology so advanced it is beyond our comprehension, admits he can't get the hang of computers. "I'm totally intimidated by a computer. As a matter of fact, I'm totally intimidated by a television set. My wife .even has to set the video."

VIDEO BOX Geoff Brown

Duck soup is on the menu now

A weekly selection of films recently released on video. The year refers to the date of first release, or in the case of teavision films, of first broadcast.

HOWARD . . . A NEW BREED OF HERO (CIC, PG): Heavy-handed attempt to carve live-action cinema from a wisecracking comic-strip about an extra-torrestrial duck. Chases and special effects inject some belated panache. 1986.

CLARA'S HEART (Warner, 15): Pathos-drenched character drama about a Jamaican servent with a dark secret (Whoopi Goldberg, straightforward and serious) helping a rich kid grow up. Robert Mulligan's subtle direction makes the best of things. 1989.

DEAD POETS SOCIETY (Buena Vista, PG): Anarchic poetry versus stuffy academia in Vermont at the end of the Fifties. Naïve as drama, but galvanized by Robin Williams' puckish performance. 1989.

THE FLY II (CBS/Fox, 18): Another luckless human (Eric Stoltz) becomes a glutinous bug-eyed monster. Ponderous sequel to the 1986 hit, with a jejune romance squeezed in between the transformations. 1989.

THE GRAPES OF WRATH (CBS/Fox, PG): John Steinbeck's saga of Oklahoma farmers trekking hopefully to better times, poignantly filmed by John Ford, with marvellous parts for Henry Fonds and Jane Darwell. An unassallable classic. 1940.

HOW TO GET AHEAD IN ADVERTISING (CBS/Fox, 15): Overly strident satire from Bruce Robinson, creator of Withnell and I. Richard E. Grant makes the most of his role as an advertising hotshot undone by a neck boil, but the hectoring script defeats him. 1989.

LETHAL WEAPON 2 (Warner, 18): Dynamic sequel to the 1987 cornedy thriller, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover as the odd couple of cops (one nearpsychotic, the other placid) pursuing drug-smuggling diplomats. 1989.

MARRIED TO THE MOR (Virgin, 15): Typically inventive and off-beat emertainment from director Jonathan Demme, with Michelle Pfeifier as a gangster's widow who tries to lorge a new, respectable life, 1989.

THE ROBE (CBS/Fox U): This stiff-jointed Biblical tale was the world's first CinemaScope feature, though that is hardly a plus on video. Lovers of musical kitsch may enjoy Alfred Newman's overblown soundtrack; and those used to aughing at Victor Mature may be antly surprised. 1954.

SLAVES OF NEW YORK (RCA/Columbia, 15): Punctifious director James Ivory all at sea in But Bernadette Peters' kooky heroine has charms, and the trappings of fashion fascinate

THE SONG OF BERNADETTE (CBS/Fox U): Fake moments in this story of the Lourdes miracles are mostly outweighed by Jenniter Jones's freshness, the bustling background canvas, and the high

TOMORROW

technical polish, 1943.

Scratch yourself a living: Steve Turner traces the unstoppable rise of the remixing disc-jockeys

Howard's way, played again, again, and again

about and analysed than any other film, Casabest work of everyone involved, from Humphrey Bogart and lagrid Bergman to the direc-tor, Michael Curtiz, and the three waters, Julius and Irving Epstein and Howard Koch.

Koch had proved himself a good story-teller in 1939 while morking for Orson Welles's Mer-Cary Theatre of the Air. Each week he turned out an hour-length radio play: 60 to 75 pages of script. When Welles wanted a Hallowe'ca play, Koch scripted the most famous of all radio plays, the War of the World's broadcast. Along with millions of panic-stricken Americans, Hollywood studio etecutives were listening and Warner Broshers signed up Koch. For Cassilianca, he rewrote the

Epstein brothers' romantic comedy treatment of a not-very-successful Broadway play. Everybody Goes to Rick's, as a political story.

Even today there is an un-

mistakably cinematic quality about a conversation with Koch. one of a few mon who has stamped his character onto our perception of film, and still vital at 87. "You have so have your own set of values to write a good story," he STYL "A writer should know who the good guys and bad guys are. The audience will see how you trest them,"

While in those days one knew who the good guys and the bad fulls were Roch's before and villants were never cardboard cut-

"I think in Casarlance the coalect pretty much began when Rick first came in and saw Laszlo Paul Henneid!" says Koch.
There were people who wanted
to act of Casabianes and who toude t. Who was going to get the letters of transit? They were all in onflict with the German

In the light of the story behind the story. Some of the scenes are Pointedly ironic. In the love scene

George Dorgan relates the story behind the screenwriting of Casablanca, still considered

by many to be the finest film ever made



Most loved film: Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman in Casablanca

in Rick's apartment, Ilsa, torn with doubt, says: "I don't know the finish yet." Rick responds: Well, go on, tell it. Maybe one will come to you as you go along." This was literally true: the script

was not finished yet. Before filming this scene, Bergman was practically in tears as she angrily demanded of Koch: "How can I play a love scene when I don't know which man I'm going to end up with?" Weeks of filming without a complete script had finally

got to the young actress.

The problem was no less on the mind of the writer. Koch was writing on set. "I felt the camera was a monster, devouring my work faster than I could produce it. I like to start with a beginning and an ending. I write sequen-

tially, because sometimes you get an idea which changes your direction and that's how you get to the ending." Casablanca is used by Robert

McKee as an example of an ideal film in his three-day screenwriting seminar, which focuses on the art of story-telling. He has a further revelation: the Epstein brothers had finished a detailed 200-page shooting script, but to get the best out of his actors. Mike Curtiz created the great lie that he did not know the ending, "lack Warner wouldn't have launched a SI million picture without a detailed shooting script," says McKee, "He was the kind of man who wouldn't put a penny in a gumball machine unless he could see the candy."

While Bergman really did not

know whom she would end up with, Bogart did. He had the right to approve his dialogue, so his cool confidence came not only from good acting: he actually did know something the other characters did not.

When Casablanca was made, money was not the first consideration. "As soon as you begin to make pictures just for money, you think of effect," Koch says. "Pictures should be made for causes, not effects." And Koch always stood by his causes.

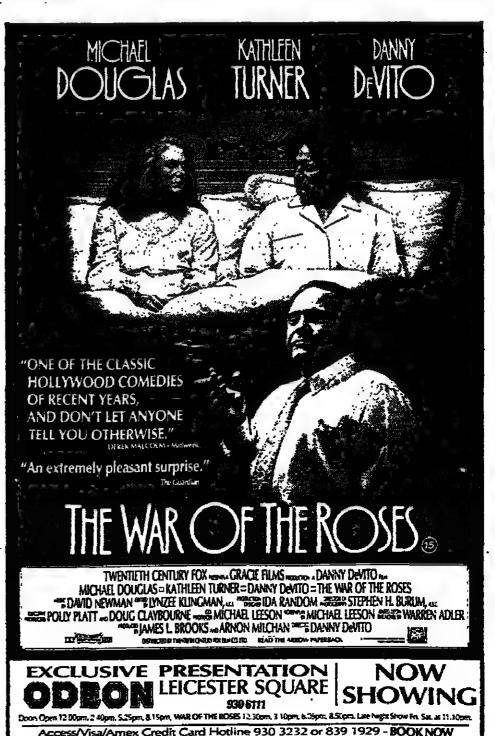
"With the death of Roosevelt you could feel things change. Reactionary forces took over, and McCarthy was their rather hurid spokesman. Even if you belonged to the Screenwriters Guild you were suspect. I was subpoenaed. but I wasn't a member of any party. I was blacklisted for being the chairman of the Hollywood Independent Committee for the Arts, Sciences and Professions. At the time I was living in Palm Springs because the atmosphere in Hollywood had become rather poisonous. I knew the blacklist was in effect when the phone stopped ringing."

Koch left for Europe with his wife, Ann, and his son, Peter. He finally came to England, and worked here for over a decade under the name Peter Howard.

"In writing a script you think for a while of how you can build a story out of your material," he says, "a story that will entertain as well as comment on society, on people. Then you think of how this story will begin and end. Each scene that comes along must have a causal relationship with what came before, and must plant the seed of what is to happen after. Break this chain and you lose confidence."

McKee agrees: "Life is a network of causes and the writer must throw his arms around all of it."

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So what are we to make, then, of the concept of the African writer? Soyinka himself discusses the matter on a number of occasions in a volume of essays, Art, Dialogue and Outrage, in which his scathing remarks about those writers who cultivated a selfconscious negritude are matched by his passionate belief in something he describes as the "true African sensibility". But this is not a concept that can be readily defined, and it should be said at once that Soyinka's latest novel and collection of verse do not

make it any easier to understand. Certainly Soyinka makes it clear in his essays that the reception of African literature has been be-devilled by notions of primitivism, and by that purblind myth of négritude. There never was any irrational nobility which black

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African writers **ISARÀ** A Voyage Around Essay that, given equal embody; there never was any ro-mantic or pastoral MANDELA'S EARTH And Other Poems tradition to which they could claim to be the legitimate

themselves had

reached "the stage of

disillusionment", when they

realized that they were being praised by liberal white critics

simply for being black, while at the

same time they were being hi-jacked by often illiberal black

regimes. It is the cruellest of

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Soyinka said of Angolan or South

African writers in the late Sixties,

opportunity, the black tin god a few thousand miles By Wole Soyinka north of him Methuen, £12.99 and £4.99 would degrade and dehumanize his heirs. When critics victim as capably as Vorster or saw them in those terms, they Governor Wallace". were treating them in a peculiarly Of course, these are simply patronizing way as the next best thing to the Romantic child or idiot savant. But surely to lump

generalizations, to be accepted or rejected according to taste; and in any case they represent only one together writers from Nigeria (Soyinka's own country), Zim-babwe, Sudan, or Mozambique as aspect of Soyinka's own understanding of such matters. He is a novelist and poet as well as "African writers" is to perform an equally pernicious act of amoressayist (of course he is also and pre-eminently a dramatist), but although he has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, it cannot be said that he is a lord of here are internal conflicts also. In one es-say Soyinka explains language in all of these areas. He is how African writers better at polemic than theory, and

> professed beliefs? Isarà is his fictional sequel to an autobiographical memoir, Aké, but it is not really a continuation of it; instead, in his new novel, Soyinka re-imagines the earlier life of his parents. Aké had ended with a portrait of the young Soyinka, about to be despatched to Government College, on the next stage of

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his great expectations, and at the beginning of Isavà his fictional father evokes for himself the time when he was sent to a seminary in order to embark upon his own proper education. So do all things return in cycle, and Isard is concerned with what the last words of Ake describe as "yet another irrational world of adults and their discipline".

Irrational it certainly is. At the beginning of Isara his fictional father, Akinyode, goes to the seminary as a direct result of "the uncertain faith of both parents struggling against the silent pull of their abandoned deities", but in fact that struggle shapes the whole nametive. It is set at the time of the Second World War, but that distant conflict is of far less consequence than a curious civic battle over the kingship of *Isara* itself. In the process "African" and "European" values are seen to clash, and nowhere more obviously than in the difference between Christian and non-Christian beliefs. Yet it is never quite clear how much weight Soyinka attaches to the modern sensibility of his more "educated" characters, as opposed to the

religious and their kinsmen. There is a similar work within his poetry which, although its visceral content is clearly charged with the writer's awareness of the erstwhile plight of Nelson Mandela, is itself highly derivative of English models. There are so many perspectives at work within Isard itself, in fact, that it is never quite clear in which direction it is meant to be travelling; and so it ends only with the outline of a confused and confusing culture which somehow defies Yet such a conclusion seems

to run against Soyinka's vision of a distinct African culture as he defines it in his essays. In one of them, "Language as Boundary he even extols the adoption of a "continental language" and the emergence of a "new unifying culture". This, of course, may

function as a visionary myth, and is therefore not to be taken literally; yet clearly it also has very little to do either with his own imaginative resources or with his own creative practice. As so often,

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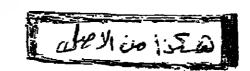
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t is going to be an active year in the English Chan-nel. While the building of the Channel Tunnel creates its own drama, with Alastair Morton, chief executive of Eurotunnel, in the role of troubleshooter, the ferry operators, port authorities and airlines are all making new moves to improve and extend their

There is optimism that whatever the success of the Channel Tunnel after its proposed opening in June 1993, the companies operating sea and air services have good prospects not only of retaining their traffic volumes, but of increasing them. As Frédéric Avierinos, commercial director for the port of Dunkirk, puts it, "the cake is getting bigger all the time, so there is plenty for everyone".

At a meeting today, share-holders in the Sea Containers company operating Sealink ferries will vote on whether to accept a takeover by Stena, a Swedish ferry group. Since James Sherwood, its main shareholder, has already approved the deal, it is thought

certain to go through.

Next week, Sealink will take an important step when it introduces Fantasia, the first of its jumbo ferries, on the Dover-Calais route, Next month, Fantasia will be joined by Fiesta, and the two will compete with the large P&O ferries already in service. Each will carry 1,800 passengers and 723 cars (or 107 articulated lorries), and provide the more luxurious facilities that operators see as transforming a crossing into a "cruise".

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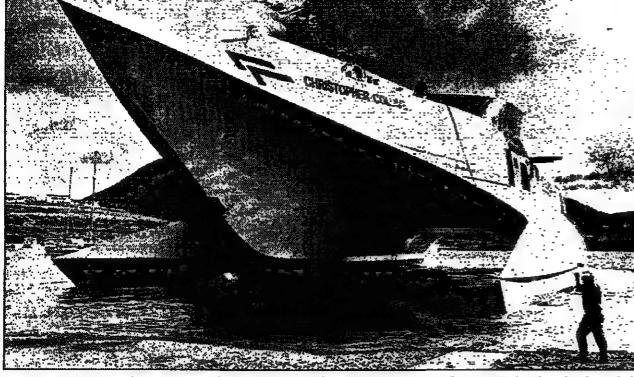
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the existing ferries, hovercraft roll off) port. and jetfoils. Two giant cataorder, will be arriving from a Tasmanian shipyard to serve not be seriously deuted by the the Portsmouth-Cherbourg opening of the Channel Tuncrossing. Carrying 450 passengers and more than 80 cars each, they will be able to make the trip in two hours and 40 minutes, almost halving the conventional ferry time.

There are also innovations in the air. Air France has recently inaugurated flights from London City airport to Lille and Strasbourg. At Southampton airport, now owned by Peter de Savary, a service to Cherbourg starts in prefer the train. two weeks' time; others are planned to Brussels, Düsseldorf and Zurich.

Conveying Britons to mainland Europe and Continentals to the UK is big business. The number of ferry passengers to and from France last year topped 20 million. With 15 traveliers through it every year, Dover is the world's busiest passenger port. A million lorries make it

type of vessel to compete with also the leading ro-ro (roll on,

marans, the first of a larger of the European economy suggests that such figures will nel. Eurotunnel hopes that within 10 years it will have 58 per cent of car traffic on its Folkestone-Calais "shuttle" trains, and that 89 per cent of foot passengers will take the

erated by British Rail, French Railways and Belgian Railways. It is expected that 53 per cent of present air travellers heading for short and middledistance destinations will also of holidaymakers

the Automobile Association, 70 per cent expressed dislike of the idea of being cooped up in the doubledecker Tunnel shuttles, saying they would prefer ferries, despite a longer journey time and the possibility of bad weather. And the ferry comreductions in prices once the bigger ships are operating a coordinated schedule (at sent, opposed by the Office

Rationalization has already caused some casualties. The port of Folkestone, too smallscale, is to close. Hoverspeed's hovercraft are now ageing and no replacements have been commissioned Sealink has closed its services to Cherbourg from Weymouth and

Further innovations are likely. Robin Wilkins. Hoverspeed's managing director, says: "We have not closed our eyes to other forms of fast ferries. There could be other hull designs or propulsion systems, whether mono-hulls or sidewall catamarans." Other companies are al-

ready finding the Western Channel profitable territory. P&O European Ferries is increasing sailings on the Portsmouth-Cherbourg route. The Portsmouth-Caen route operated by Brittany Ferries has proved so popular that it accounts for 800,000 of the

company's two million Chan-

There is a blackspot in the picture, however: while sea and air services improve year by year, road access to terminals, at least on the British side, remains inadequate. The M2 fades into two lanes several miles outside Dover. The M20 still lacks a central stretch, although it will open next year. The M3, also unfinished, goes to Southampton rather than the now more important port of Ports-mouth. The Government announced its future motorway programme last month, causing dismay among residents of the South-East, afraid of disruption to towns and

British Rail conveys two from London by boat trains, connecting with hovercraft and jetfoils at Dover, and ferries at Dover, Folkestone BR and its Eurorail partners will reveal their latest thinking

The new freedom will open Europe's skies

s well as demolishing trade restrictions between member countries, the introduction of the single European market in 1992 will mean the deregulation of routes at present allocated to particular

Increased competition may cause problems for carriers, but in the short term at least, it is good news for customers. Prices are likely to fall.

Heathrow and Gatwick will stay dominant in numbers carried across the Channel. But smaller airports can expect to become popular with business executives who want quick and convenient travel, and that process has already begun. London City airport handled 217,000 passengers last year, and it expects 319,000 this year. The main routes to Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam are served by Brymon Airways (40 per cent owned by British Airways) and London City Airways, both using the Dash 7, a 50seater plane with a 500-mile

Last autumn, Flexair started a Rotterdam run with a 17-seat Dornier 228-202K, and Air France, using Brymon as its carrier, opened up Strasbourg and Lille. A threeday return fare to Paris is about £180, to Brussels between £144 and £200, and to Amsterdam £160.

While passenger numbers are growing, Mowlem, owner of London City, wants to increase capacity by introducing bigger planes. It has applied for permission for runway extensions, bigger planes with a reduced angle of landing and take-off, and a later close-down at 11pm.

This summer, a public inquiry will consider plans for a bridge downstream from the airport, redesigned at a lower

Deregulation should benefit

the traveller height so as not to endanger the flight path. It will also

study Mowlern's proposals.

The busiest of the southcoast airports is Southampton. Bought a couple of years ago by Peter de Savary, it is operated by Airports UK, a British Airports Authority offshoot which also manages Exeter, Southend and Biggin Hill airports. The bulk of Southampton's 500,000 passengers annually fly to the Channel Islands, but Paris, Munich and Amsterdam each account for 20,000.

On April 1, Aurigny Airways will start a service to Cherbourg. "France is not well-served from the UK," Peter Willis, airport deputy director, says. "But there is great interest in starting services to regional cities." Applications are also in for

routes to Brussels, Dusseldorf and Zurich. The present licensing system makes the granting of licences a long procedure, but Mr Willis and his colleagues look forward to more services after deregula-

Airports UK won its first contracts, to manage Exeter charter planes fro airport — on behalf of Devon such as Biggin Hill.

ampton-Eastleigh, in 1984 Southend followed the next year, Biggin Hill in 1988 and others are being sought. At Exeter airport, a quarter

of a million passengers per through each year, some on scheduled services within mainland Britain and to the Channel Islands, others on charters to the Mediterrane and, in winter, to Alpine ski resorts. Jersey European Airlines offers flights to Dinast from Exeter, Southamping and Bournemouth at between £55 and £65 one way.

A growing market is air tand services. Though costly, the expense of taking a company's. management team across the Channel may be less than bwe scheduled flight.

Air Direct, in Southsimpton, says: "The direct fight time from Southampton to Caen is 45 minutes. Your staff could leave the UK at 7.30am and be at their desks by 9.30am, French time. By leaving the French office at 4pm. they could be in the UK by 4pm for as little as £129 a

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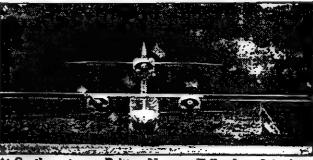
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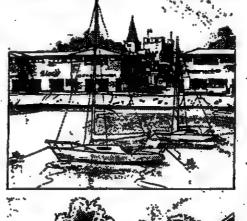
Why France loves the Tunnel

nel, are very different in serve Eurotumel's shuttle cas-France. Land is more plentiful than in Britain and greater distances make improved communications more important. The Tunnel is seen as northern France's biggest asset in the reinvigoration of a region devastated by the collapse of an exhibition and conference are the reinvigoration. smokestuck industries.

The TGV high-speed train

tomers but function also as a Lobbying by other towns

border past Dunkirk and Ca-lais to Boulogne. From there, a new A16 motorway will contime southwards to Amiena and Paris. Dieppe and Le Havre will also plug into the motorway grid via an east-west the last stretch of the A26 to the ferry and hover ports will



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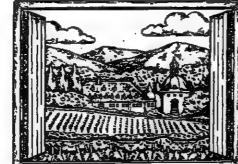
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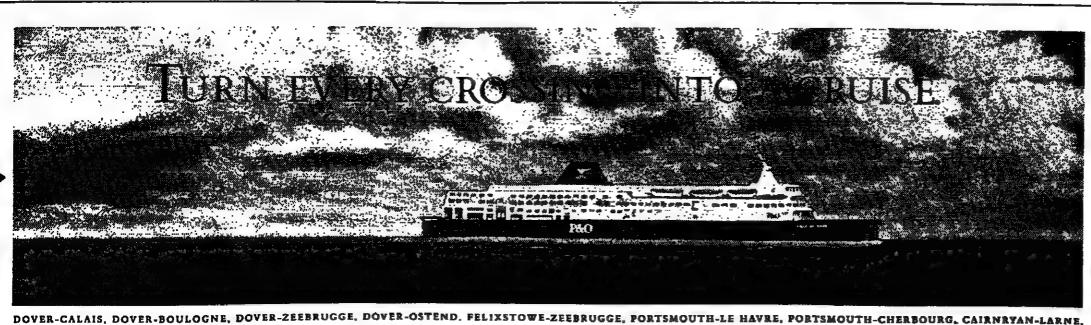
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Calmer crossings

Today's ferries are trying for a better image and a better deal for passengers

sengers are experiencing much improved port and ferry services this year, The companies' brochures justifiably boast of better schedules, small fare increases and a range of new facilities. The drawback is that crossing the Channel by ferry, hovercraft or jetfoil has not always been trouble-free or wholly pleasurable.

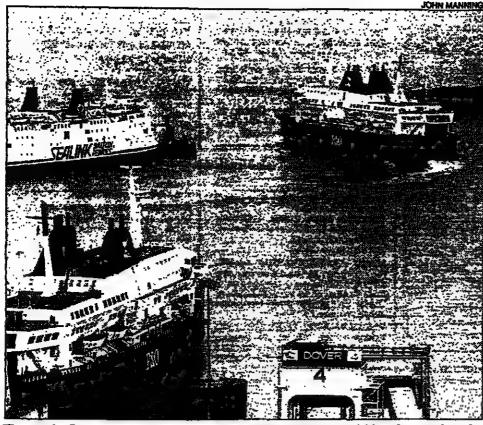
Operators can hardly be blamed for disruptions caused by the Channel's notoriously changeable weather. But inadequate onshore and onboard facilities have been an imitant for regular or business passengers not cushioned by holiday euphoria.

Delays resulting from the cramped ports are increa-singly being eliminated, however, by expansion at Dover. Portsmouth and elsewhere. And, although the ferry companies may not welcome its being said out loud, the flexibility of their computerized check-in systems makes it possible for cars to turn up without bookings and get on to all except the busiest holiday crossings.

P&O and Smlink would like to improve convenience for passengers still further by introducing interchangeability of tickets. The Office of Fair Trading is blocking the idea in the interests of preserving competition, but it is expected to give its approval as the opening of the Channel Tun-

Then the two companies will be able to offer hourly sailings on the main Dover-Calais route in super-ferries that load on two decks and make the passage in one hour and 15 minutes, only about half an hour more than the Tunnel shuttle.

Until recently, P&O has



Heading for France: the ferry companies aim to keep their customers with an improved servic

been the trend-setter with its Pride of Dover and Pride of Calais, which are about to be followed into service by Sealink's Fiesta and Fantasia.

But it was Sealink that pioneered such fringe benefits as more comfortable motorists' lounges and an "Auto Club" giving a 20 per cent discount for regular travellers. P&O now offers steward-service Club Class lounges for a £5 premium on standard fares, and also a Motorists' Points discount system.

A welcome result of the introduction of super-ferries on the Dover-Calais route is that the ferries they replace are being deployed to augment or replace smaller vessels on other routes. Sealink's St Anselm is being transferred to the Boulogne run.

The Champs Elysées, another French ship that used to serve Dover-Calais, is to be transferred to the Newbaven-Dieppe route, where Sealink recently acquired a 49 per cent interest in the company taking over the French Railways service, The Côte d'Azur will

nel's third ferry-operator, started as recently as 1973, when Breton farmers bought a freighter to carry produce between Roscoff and Plymouth. The St Malo-Portsmouth crossing followed in 1976, and a decade later the

Portsmouth route possible. With two million Channel sengers a year, Brittany Ferries is now the largest operator west of Dover.

construction of a new port at

Ouistreham made the Caen-

t Malo's Chamber of Commerce is contributing to a joint scheme for a bigger ferry port able to take jumbo-style ferries. At Poole, Dorset, Brittany Ferries' Truckline Les Routiers freight service to Cherbourg, twice daily this summer, offers a nofrills service for up to 350 cars and 1,200 passengers.

Hoverspeed, owned by James Sherwood, intends to continue providing the fastest Channel crossings. Its hover-craft fleet is now joined by catamarans with 450 seats and

Brittany Ferries, the Chan- room for 80 cars. In addition to the two on the Portsmouth-Cherbourg route, a Dover-Boulogne catamaran service is envisaged when the third "SeaCat" arrives later this year and the two ports provide berthing facilities.

Jetfoils from Dover's West-

ern Docks to Ostend carry an impressive third of a million passengers every year on a 100-minute crossing, saving more than two hours on the ferry time for a modest £6 oremium on the standard fare. They are owned by the Belgian company RMT (Regie voor Maritiem Transport) and are operated by P&O.

This year's fares for a car plus two adults and two children on the short sea crossings start at about £129 return, rising to about £256 return in the summer peak. Prices are not much more on the Westem Channel routes, nor for cars longer than 4m.

Excursion fares offer 25 per cent savings on five-day trips and 50 per cent on 21/2-day trips. Ten-day excursions are now available in the Western

nel is open, British Rall is set to become its main user, apart from Euro-tomed itself. It will have a flort of specially designed trains shared with French and Belgian Railways, and will ini-tially operate 20 services daily in each direction mainly be-tween London and Paris and onsion and Breavels

In the interval it is beginning to revamp its crossmel train service. The Golden Arrow it is not, but BR has given it the new title of the 'Channel Train', and interentional facilities at Victoria are being matched by a long overduc relativishment of Doer's Western Decks terminal. The Channel Train's selling

point is that it has the fastest non-air travel time between London and Continental destnations at a price significantly ower than air fares. Non-st trains to the Western Docks connect with hovercraft for Calais and Boulogne, and jetfoils to Ostend. From Bouogne, French Railways has a small but speedy turbo train to

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An alternative route is by Dover or Newhaven, Sealink ferries and connecting trains, for which the cost is marginally less at £65 and £62 respectively. There are also boat trains to Folkestone, which connect with ferries to Boologue. However, the port is expected to close at the end of the year, and last month Sea rs gained provisional planning permission for a £100 million leisure and recidential redevelopment of

Passengers not using the Channel Train can use other BR services from Victoria and

Paris, making a total journey Charing Cross to link with time of five and a half hours ferries or hovercraft. Free ferries or hovercraft. Free conches run between Dover Priory station and the docks. But in other respects facilities are poor. BR itself acknowledges that Dover Priory is not a spitable terminal for rail or bus transfers of large numbers

of passengers, and its cramped and ill-equipped booking half is among Britain's worst. This is despite the consid-enable day origins traffic en-couraged by BR and the ferry nies to boost revenues Day fares from London to Calais or Boulogne are a bargain £20. Ferry operators also gain from increased sales in their duty-free stores, agh this is a profit source

that will be much reduced after the standardization of excise charges after 1992.

After the Channel Tunnel opens the journey time be-tween the capitals will be three hours. The fares are intended to compete with those of air travel, but the tariff may be so high as to make the much cheaper Hoverspeed and ferry

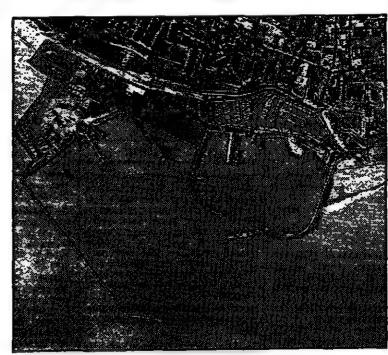
services widely popular.

A curious quirk of the proposed Channel Tunnel service is that foot passengers wanting to cross from Folkestone to the Calais terminal will not be able to take the train. The last stop on the British side will be Ashford On the French side most services will race through to Lille, and only a few will stop

at the Fréthun interchange Eurotunnel is similarly uninterested in short-haul passengers. No passenger accommodation is being provided on its shuttles.

The only option for these travellers will be to book on coach services, which Eurotunnel expects to become part of its regular trade.

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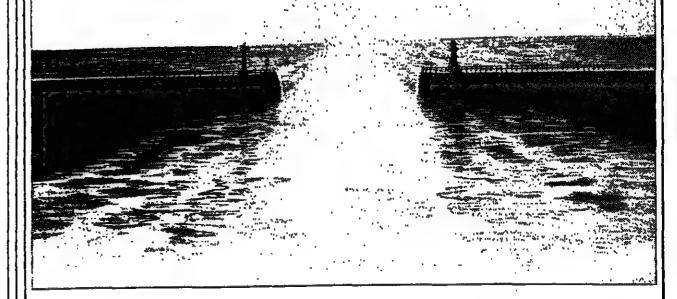


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LA TRAVIATA: David Pountney's thoughtful and searching revival with Stefanos Lazaridis's comfield sets, with Helen Field and Bonaventura Bottone. Note Davies conducts. um (as above). Tonight, Tues, 7.30-10.30pm, £3-£33.

Hilary Finch

ELEKTRA: Further chance to see Götz Friedrich's new production for the Royal Opera. Based on Sophocles' tale of family hatred and revenge. Sir Georg Solti conducts with Eva Marton Outstanding in the title role. Covent Garden, London, WC2 (01-240 1066). Tomorrow, 8pm; Tues, 8.30pm, Covent Gr

£2.50-£82 THE MIKADO: Revival of Jonathan Miller's chic, witty, Hollywood-style G & S production. James Holmes conducts an unflagging cast with Janis Kelly as Yum-Yum tomorrow.

Collecum (as above). Tomorrow, Wed, 7.30-10.30pm, £3-£33. LELEGII D'AMORE Pavarotti heads the

cast in John Copley's revival for the Royal Opera. Marcello Panni, with whom Pavarotti has performed the role at the Met, conducts a familiar cast including a Mazzucato and Ingvar Wixeli. Covent Garden (as above). Sat, Wed (gala night), 7.30-10.15pm, 25-298.

THE GAMBLER: Revival of David Pourtney's searing Prokofiev produc-tion sees the return of Graham Clark in his powerful portrayal of Dostoevsky's hero, Alexej. Sian Edwards makes her

début conducting. Collecum, St Martin's Lene, London WC2 (01-836 3161). Set, 7.30-9.50pm,

OTELLO: Last chance to see Elijah Moshinsky's production. den (as above). Mon, 7.30-10.00pm, \$2.50.680

UN GIORNO DI REGNO: University College Opera continue their admirable tradition of staging rare, early Verdi. A challenge for director Terry John Bates and conductor Christopher Fifield. ury Theatre, Gordon Street London WC1 (01-387 9829). Tues, Wed, 7.30-10.30pm, £5-£8.

OUTSIDE LONDON

THE MERRY WIDOW: Heavy-handed production for Opera 80 in which Heather Lorimer and the rest of the young cast work hard to try and salvage some asmbiance of style.

Hexagon (as above). Tonight, Sat, 7.30pm, 27-210. The Hewth (as above). Mon. 7.30om, 26.50-28.50.

DEDIPUS REX/ELUESEARD: Series Lazarida both designs and directs Scottish Opera's doubly powerful and property disturbing double-bill of Stravineky and Bertok. Kathryn Harries and Monte Jeffe give outstanding performances. Playhouse (as above). Tonight, 7.15-0.15pm, £5-£17.50.

DOST FAN TUTTE: Welth Nettorial Opera's Interestingly cast revival with Valerie Masterson as Flordiligi, Maureen Brathwatte as Despina and Bryn Terfel es Guglielmo. Sir Charles Mackerras COMMISS.

Hippodrome (as above), Tonight, 7.15pm, £9.50-£26,

THE DANGER OF SEVILLE WHICH National's co-production with Opera North: a busy, harem scarem production by Glies Havergal. A strong cast led by Anthony Michaels Moore and Kate McCarney. Carlo Rizzi conducts. Hippodrome, Birmingham (021-522 7486). Tomorrow, 7.15-10.30pm, 29.50-

DIE FLEDERMAUR: Revival of Scottist Opera's fun production by Simon Callow. Natch out for George Moseley's

Three of a classical kind

cottish Ballet's new programme, opening with a gala tomorrow, offers three views of classical ballet, each given flavour by a different national style and a different period. The cornerstone is the great bravura showpiece which Marius Petipa created in 1861 in St Petersburg as an addition to the old ballet, Paquita. This is very much of its imperial Russian period and survives through the brilliance and style of its solos and ensembles. The present production is staged by Oleg Vinogradov, the Kirov Ballet's director. The other two works are both by George Balanchine and entirely new to the company. In Scotch Symphony (pictured here), which is receiving its British premiere, he looked back to the world of the old French romantic ballet, with its sylphs and tartans. But in Who Cares?, he indulged his love of Gershwin's songs for a ballet which, although as purely classical in form as Petipa's, has all the glitz and sentiment of Broadway as we like to imagine it. This is the first time Scottish Ballet has tackled any of Balanchine's choreography, and they have been coached for it by an American guest director, Nanette Glushak. Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041 331 1234). From tomorrow until March 24, 7.15pm (not Sun), Saturday matinees 2.15pm, £3 to £17. Then touring. John Percival

Payhouse Theatre, Edinburgh (03) 557 2590). Tomorrow, 7.15-10.15pm, 25-217.50. Empire Theeire, Liverpool (05) 709 1555). Wed, 7,15-10.15pm, 25-218.

DETI FREESCHILTZ: Welsh Melloral Opera's dark Weber revival. André Engel's challenging production, conducted by Anthony Negus, bee had mixed

responses. Apollo Theatre, Oxford (0865 244544), Tues, 7.15-10pm, £8-£27. LUCIA DI LAMMERGROOF: Opera 80 offers a compact, visually striking production which nevertheless over-

stretches its young cast led by Linda Haxagon, Reading (0734 591591). To-morrow, 7.30-10.15pm, £7-£10. The Hawth, Crawley (0293 553638). Tues, 7.30-10.15pm, 27.50 and 28.50.

DER ROSENKAVALIER; Weich National Opera offer a traditional production by Wolfgang Weber, with few surprises. Sir Chartes Mackertes conducting a superb account of the score to support a cast including Rita Cuille, Amanda Roocroft and Donald Atlans.
Hippodrame (as above). Sat, 6.30-10.30pm, £11-£30. Apolie Theatre (as above). Wed,6.30-10.30pm, £9-£30.

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John Percival NAMEDIT DANCE COMPANY: Richard Alston's new Dealing With Shadows, to a Micrart sorute, and Addley Page's new Currulac, to a Latin American score by Oriando Gough, should make an in-triguingly contrasted pairing (tonight-Sat). Three works by American choreographers for one night only (Tuest): Cunninghum's Doubles and Sap ast, Trisha Brown's Opal Loop and Gier

Tue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30pm, 24-£14.

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STAING LOADED: Continues with new works by Matthew Flourne and Jecob Markey for Advantures in Motion Pictures (tonigin-Sat); 4D, senior students of (bright-Sair, 40), senior streems of London Contemporary Dence School directed by Jenet Smith (Mon); Laurie Booth and company in Spacial Decay (Tues); and interesting young Dutch utioreographer Angelia OM (Wed).

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NEW MOVES: Glasgow's new-dance ****** season brings two British premieres -Trum Brookhurst from Holland with he solo Gold (tonight, Fri), and Alain Platel from Flanders with his company in Oh

Tree (Sat, Sun). Tron Theatre, Trongate, Glesgow (041 552 4267), 7.30pm, 23-25. SHOBANA JEYASINGHE Programma by leading London-based Indian dancer and

Ner company. Willedon Green Library Contro, High Road, London NW10 (01-451 0294). Sat,

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to regtime and jazz. Gusso's Nut Arts Centre, Hodgen (0434 607272), Today, Fri 7.30pm, mat Fri 1.30pm, £7.50, met £5.

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: CITIStopher Bruce's Swansong combining comedy, lyricism and tragedy. Civic Theatre, Laneham Street, Scunthorpe (0724 840883). Tonight-Sat 7.30pm, met Sat 2.30pm, 26.50.
Tempgate Theatre, Pegel Mead, Basidon (0268 532632). Mon-Wed 7.30pm, met Wed 2pm, 26.50-EB.50, mat E3.50.

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19th-century production for Northern Towngate Theetre, Kingsland Road, Poole (0202 585222). Tues, Wed, 7.30pm, met Wed 2.30pm, 27-210, met

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YOLE BOYANKA: SPIKING THE WALL: Lecture coincides with publication of Mandala's Surth and Other Po Nobel prize winner for literature in 1986. ICA, The Mail, London SW1 (01-930 3647). Today, 1pm, 21.80, pks £1 day

MAGGE CHULLIVANE Very fine post, with painter's and composer's ear for tanguage, on rare and welcome visit reads Another Weather System.
Sub-Voicive, The Two Brewers, Monmouth Street, London WC2 (01-340 6224). Tomorrow, 8pm, 22.50.

SEAMUS DEANE AND TOM PAULIN: Poets and critics both, read their own work and discuss forthcoming title Field Day Anthology of trish Literature which has been called "the most radical cultural initiative in Ireland since the death of Yeats". Part of the London-wide Sici Phadraig Festival (tomorrow). Also catch Roger Gerfitt (Wed) reading from his latest collection Giving Ground. The Voice Box, Festival Hall, Level 5 (red side), South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). Tomorrow, Wed, 7.30pm, £2.50.

KEITH JAFRATE: Exciting performer, five volumes published to date, blends tazz poems and raps with rhythms of Africa, jazz and blues. Willesden Green Library Centre, 95

High Road, London NW10 (01-451 0294). Tomorrow, & Storn, 23 (22 concs). SHIRLEY CONRAN: After Superwomen comes Down With Superwomen. She talks with broadcaster Jenny Lacey (womomor) notibe became shit tuode

and with writer Rosalind Coward, and Jenny Murray, presenter of Woman's Watersted Media Centre, 1 Centre's Road, Bristol (0272 276444). Tomorrow, 7.30pm, £3 (£2 concs). ICA (details as above)

ANYON POLINDATION: PINE ACCOCK, Fred D'Aguiar, Matthew Sweeney and Kit Wright read at this second benefit. London W12 (01-602 3703). Mon. 8pm, tickets minimum 25.

THE HARD EDGE CLUB THE WORK meiding waves are Wendy Jessop, Lorraine Kitchen, Georgine Lock, Audi Massand (vorsprecht technik) and Adrien Shaw with Me Dregonflight.

The Red Lion, (upstairs), 20 Great Windmill Street, London Wil (01-791 (101-791)) 0121). Mon, 8.30pm, £2.50 (£1 concs). DOUGLAS DUNN AND CRAIG RADGE

Each presents a version of Racine's The Poetry Society, 21 Earl's Court Square, London SW5 (01-370 6829). Tues, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£2 concs), £1.25

MAURA DOOLEY: 1987 Eric Gregory Award winner reads lyrical poems in by clear images in advance of her first fu collection titled Money for Jam due this

The Burbigh Anna, Novembriet Road, Cembridge (Mic. 0223 358977, ext 3616). Wed, 8pm, £2 (£1 concs).

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Community Arts Centre, Lanceshire Polytechnic, Preston (0772 201201 ext 2468). Set 3.30pm and 8pm, Mon-Wed 8pm, 52.50 (£1.25 conce), week ticket 210 (26 de conce). Until Merch 28.

aucellant chance to see Annie Griffin's own brand of "country and western" theatre - besed around the song by Tazzmy Wynetts. Until April 19, T&C2, 20-22 Highbury Corner, London NS (01-700 5716). Tues, Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs 7.30pm and 10pm (late bar), 25 in advence, £5 on door.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol +) on release across the country. NEW RELEASES

THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS (15): Highly diverting fireworks between a blonde singer (Michelle Preiffer) and two cocktall planists (Jeff and Beau Bridges). Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697).

PLAFFI: High-pitched satirical lunacy from Cuba, about a combative mother-in-law asselled

ICA Cinema (01-R30 3847). RENEGADES (15): Tough cop and bad boy team to rescue a sacred Indian spear. Lame thriller, starring

Camons: Haymerket (01-839 1527) Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Oxford Toront (01-636 0310). SHADOW NAKERS (12): Roland

Joffe's competing account of Oppenheimer (Dwight Schultz) perfecting the atom bomb; Paul Newman towers on the sidelines. Empire (01-467 9999) Caranonas Fulham Road (01-370 2696) Totanham Coom Road (01-836 um Court Road (01-636

THE SUMMER OF AVIYA (PG): EI Cohen's prize-winning film about a young girl facing up to the Phoenix (01-883 2833).

THE WAR OF THE MOSES (15): A perfect marriage self-destructs violently. Exhausting black come with Michael Douglas and Kathleen Odeon Leicester Square (01-930

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MLACK FIAIN (18): Michel) Douglas pursuing a Japanese gangster. Flashy potholier from director Aidley Scott. Plaza (01-497 9999).

BLAZE (15): Paul Novembr as politician Earl Long, definitly in love with a stripper. Colourful Cannon Outlant Street (01-036

0310) Warran (01-439 0791). 4BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY (18): Dynamic anti-Vietnam epic from Oliver Store, with Tom Cruba excellent as paraplegic Ron Kovic. Camdon Parkway (01-257 7034) Cameona: Balter Street (01-635 9772) Palhem Rond (01-370 2636) Empire (01-437 9999) Gette (01-727 4043) Screen on the Green (01-226 3520) Whiteleys (01-782

CIMENIA PARADIGO (PO): Giuseppa Tomatore's nostalgio tale of a small Sicilian chema; a hugely appealing salure to the movies. Curses Mayfair (01-485 8865).

DANCHY THRU THE DARK (15): Willy Russell's thin but holsterous corredy-musical set in a Liverpool dance hall

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SEA OF LOVE (18): Cop (Al Pacino) and murder suspect (Elien Barkin) fall in love. Atmospheric. raunchy thriller. Commons: Baker Street (01-53) 9772) Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Plaza (01-497 9999) What (01-792

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 Unlike previous offerings in the Film on Four season, Wild Flowers (Channel 4,9.30pm) did not have a general cinema release, although this is no reflection on an intimate subject probably better suited to the small screen. Told in flashback as the family and friends gather for her funeral, it is the story of Annie (Colette O'Neil), a repressed middle-aged woman living in a Scottish seaside town in the early 1970s. In an atmosphere heavy with Presbyterian disapproval she falls in love with Sadie (Regular Edward Section 1988). (Beatie Edney), her son's free-spirited



In love: Colette O'Neil (left) as Annie and Beatie Edney as Sedie (Ch4, 9.30pm)

girlfriend. Written by Sharman Mac-Donald (author of the stage play When I Was a Girl I Used to Scream and Shout) and directed by Robert Smith, this is a delicate and often funny piece which is much lighter in tone than the glumly photographed landscapes and interiors might suggest. In particular, the central relationship is delightfully counterpointed by a sort of Greek chorus of two old maids who talk endlessly about passion but have clearly never experienced it at first hand.

 Maintaining the imaginative standard of previous programmes, Small Objects of Desire (BBC2, 10.10pm) homes in on the Aspirin, invented by the Bayer company in 1899 and consumed by Americans at the rate of 80 million a day. Showing how the Aspirin fundamentally changed the relationship between suf-ferer and healer, Michael Davies's film calls on footage from Walter Ruttman's stunning documentary about Bayer and the talents of Jon Glover, who plays the

four key characters in the story.

• In 40 Minutes (9.30pm), nine lads from Dundee, most of them aimiess and without jobs, some in trouble with the law, are put through a survival course on a remote Scottish island. The idea is that the challenge of having to fend for themselves, devising their own warmth and shelter and scavenging for food, will provide a feeling of achievement missing in their everyday lives. But it is all a bit A patronizing and the snag is that they have to go back to Dundee afterwards. I have to admit that French and Saunders (BBC2, 9.00pm) are a blind spot and nothing in tonight's show changes my mind. But their admirers will be glad to see them back with, among other things, parodies of Abba and The Sound of Music and impersonations of two well-heeled (and wellpadded) ladies of the shires.

6.00 Ceetax 6.30 BBC Breekfast News With Laurie Mayer and Nicholas Witchell. Includes regular news headlines, business reports, sports summaries, regional news, weather and travel information. There is also a review of the morning newspapers by Paul Callen 8.55 Regional news and weather

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5.35 Neighbours (7. (Ceetax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Laurie Mayer. Weather
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reports from Leningrad, where environmentalists are opposing plans to build a huge dam. Bob Syrnes looks at some new Inventions designed to make painting, decorating and other DIY tasks easier.

2.20 Brush Strokes, Romeo Jacko falls in love with beautiful Lucia and spends time with her Italian tarnily. (Ceetax)

2.00 Nine O'Clock News with Marryn Lewis, Regional news and weather.

2.00 Brush Strokes on life

Auntie. More quick-fire comic observations on life
10.00 Crimerests UK. Sue Cook and Nick Ross appeal to the public for help in solving the brutal murder in December of a British Rail steward in his Bristol flat. (Ceefax)
10.45 Question Time. Tonight's guests are Gordon Brown, Labour Trade end Industry springerson. Dec

and Industry spokesman, Des Wisson, chairman of Citizen Action, Mary Ann Sieghart, assistant editor of *The Times*, and John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education. The chairman is Peter S0000

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RADIO 3

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6.58 Weather and News
Headings Macdines
7.09 Morning Concert: Mozart
(Overture and Finale "Le
nozze di Figuro": Soloists;
Glynd-bourne Feerind
Cherus and Orchestra
under Fritz Busch); Haydin
(String Quartet in 8 ffat, Op
33 No 4: Tâtrai Quartet)
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7.30 News 7.35 Morrang Concert (cont): Brahms (Romance in F. Op 118 No 5: Artur Rubinstein, pieno); Dvořák (Slavonic Rhapsody in A flat, Op 45 No 3: Czech Philharmonic No 3: Czēch Phitharmonic Orchestra under Valctav Naumarni; Jantiček (The Ballad of Blanic: Brno State Phitharmonic Orchestra under Jäl Waldharse); Musecryaloy (The Destruction of Semmacherto: LSO Chorus; LSO under Claudio Abbado); Rilmsky-Korsakov (Skazka "Palry-Tale", Op 28: USSR Academic SO under Yevgeny Svetlanov)

Yevgeny Svenanov)

1.30 News

1.30 Composers of the Week:
Scandinavian Season.
Benizon and Larsson.
Larsson (Pasional Subs. Op

18: Stockholm Sinfonieta
Larder Jan-Olin Widn;
Viviations for contrasts. Do

Variations for orchestrs, Op 50); Bentzon (Plano Sonata No 6, Op 90: Julian No 6, Op 90: Julian
Jacobson, plano)
Variations for Plano: Edith
Vogel plays Liszt (La
companie); Chopin
(Berosuso); Schubert
(Impromptu in C minor, D
899 No 1); Beethoven
(Thirty-two Variations in C
minor); Haydn (Variations in
F minor); Baydn (Variations in
F minor); Baydn (Variations in
B modely Cuartet performs

Brodsky Cuartet performs Mondelssohn (Cuartet in A Mondelssohn (Quartet in A. minor, Op 13); Dvořák (Quartet No 12 in F, Op 96) 11.30 BBC Philhermonic under Grant Lleweityn performs Dukas (Polime dense, La part); Senjamin (Ringed by the Flat Horizon); Dvořák (Calo Concerto in 5 minor)

tine Flat Horizon); Dvořák
(Calic Concerto in B minor)

1.00pen News

1.40 čliminghen Luncheme
Concert (FM only from
1.38); Live from Pebble Mil.
Ian Parnidge, tenor, Judka
Sevljoki, lute, perform
Domland (Frehute; Corne
Againe Sweet Love; i Saw
My Lady Weepe; Now, O
Now i Needs Must Part);
Schubert (Schäfers
Klagelled; Nachtsnick
Heidemösskin); Fernendo
Sor (Fantesta, Op 30); Sor (Fantacia, Op 30); Britten (Songs from the Chinese)

(MW only): West Indies v England. Coverage of the one-day match from Guyane 2.00 Lieser Orchestra (PM only) under John Lubbock, led by Birkhand Howarth, reshorms Richard Howarth, performs Marcho (Simoniette, La Jolla); Poussel (Sinforletta for Strings); Martinů (Spalical, Bollet Sulla No 2) aris and Helen (FMI only):

Scandingvisin Season. Chorus and Orchestra of the Drottningholm Count Theatre under Thomas Schubeck, with Sylvia Lindenstrand, mezzo-soprano, Srit-Marie Avuza. soprano, iwa Sorerson, soprano, Carina Morting, alto, perform Gluck's five act opera in a recording from the Druttningholm Coun Theman 8.19 André Caplet (Conte fantastique: Allegri Chiert with Vanessa McKeand,

harp) 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure (FM) only's Brien Kay chooses some illustrious and adventurous composers 7.00 News (FIE only)
7.05 Third Ear (FIE only): A
discussion about current
lasues in the arra, chained by Robert Hewison
7.30 Souther National Orchestra

7.30 Soutish National Orchestra
(FM only unit 9.00) under
Styden Thomson, with
Walter Klien, plano, Nell
Mackie, tanor, performs
Karneth Leighton
(Symphony No 3); Mozert
(Plano Concerto No 21, K
467; Dvořták (Symphony No
6 in D. Op 60)
9.15 Albéntz (benez Francisco
Aybar, plano)
1.30 Post of the Morror James
Fenton introduces four of
his short lyric poems —

his short tyric poems —
"Wind", "Nothing", "The
Possibility" and "Mistake"

Life Music in Our Time: From
Pooft to Pormography.
Sarah Leonard, soprano,
Linda Hirst, mezzo eoprano
with the Endemion with the Endymion with the Endymion
Ensemble under John
Whiteld perform Kousses
(Hums and Songs of
Winnie-the-Pooh);
Beinbridge (Concertants in
moto perpetuo); Muldowney
(The Duration of Exile);
Chance (Paragraphs) Osborne (Pornography). Introduced by Nigel

Osborne 11,04 Composers of the Week: Nielsen (Wind Outstet: Homoresque "Two Fantasy Pieces, Op 2"; The Mild Day is Bright and Long; String Quartet No 4 in F) (r) 12.00 News 12.00em Gose

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6.10 Ferming Today 6.25
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6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 6.55, 7.58
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problems, injustices and
quirks. With Susan Marting
9.45 Letter From . . . Calcutta:
Four talks by foreign
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hundred years after Calcutt LE (s) Stereo on FM 5,55 am Shipping Fo

correspondents. Three hundred years after Calcumes founded, Mark Tully excitains why the former captail of the Ray will has much to celebrate, despite its poverty (r) 10.00 News; The Natural History

Programme with Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm 19.45 An Act of Worship (s) 11.25 Turbulent Priests (new series): Part 1: Archbishop Desmond Tutu of Cape Town (see Choice)

11.50 First Person: Series of talks
by first-time broadcasters,
Caroline Aston with a four

Caroline Aston with a tour guide's guide to the guided tour
12.00 Nowe; You and Yours with John Walts
12.25per Smiley's People: Seven part dramatization of John Le Carré's novel. With Bernard Hepton as George Smiley (5) (s) (r) 12.55

1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.35
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
Presented by Jerni Murray,
A discussion on childcare,
stresshool hours and after school hours and during holidays; a feature on the Victorian

on the viscolar photographer Julia Margaret Cameron; an interview with American dramates Sally Nemeth; and an item on how to decorate an item on how to decorate children's bedroome
3.00 News: A Party for Bonzo: Play by Aysha Rail. On their anniversary, Maggie and Jack exchange presents around the goldfash bowl. With Natasha Pyne as Maggie and Philip Joseph as Jack (s) (r)
4.00 News 6.00 Nows

4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde in conversation with John Heaty, tramp-turned-writer 4.35 Keleiclocope (s) (r) 4.60 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.53 Weather 4.00 Six O'Clock News; Franchill Report 6.30 Film Sign: In the stath of

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0.15 Kaleidoscope: Alestair Niven reviews Wole Soyinka's new novel Isara: a review of Luciano Pavarotri at the Royal Opera House; Nigel Floyd on the new films Cellin and Conquest of the South Polis, Richard Shone views

and Conquest of the South
Pote Richard Stone views
paintings by Pissarro at the
South Bent; and Tony
Jaques reports from
Glasgow's conference, Art
Without Frontiers (s)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight
9.55 Westher
10.09 The World Tonight
10.59 A Book at Bedtene: The
Colour of Blood, by Brian
Moore (4 of 10) (s)

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Davies of Reginald Hill's
detective story. With Donetic
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RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle Turbulent Priests (Radio 4) 11.25am) brings the Rev Dr Edward Norman, a former Reith lecturer and presently Chaplain to Christchurch College, Canterbury, face to face with four controversial

clerics. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the first, is not in turbulent mood, nor is any reference made during the interview to anything he might have said or done to put him in the Becket bracket.



Desmand Tuta (RA, 11.25am) Presumably, the interview will be prefaced by a thumbnail sketch of his turbulence. The chaplam and the archbishop don't seem to agree on very much except the virtue of a

phural system in a society where people have different political and religious views Theirs is a fascinating contract in conversational styles, too. The chaplain rattles along at great speed, low-voiced and intensely serious. The arch-bishop weighs his words as if conscious that he will eventually be expected to substantiate them, and his occasional outbursts of glee must have disconcerted the chaplain somewhat, though he never

Exit Lines (Radio 4, 11.00pm), the new detective serial, opens with a high mortality rate: three elderly men, found dead, one probably murdered, "Not a good night for the old," says a police, officer, perceptively.

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By Nicholas Wood Political Correspondent

The Government is expected to bring forward new proposals on social security payments to hard-up pensioners living in private homes in the wake of its sensational but short-lived defeat in the Commons on Tuesday night.

The disclosure came as it emerged that four members of Labour's shadow cabinet -Mr John Smith, Dr John Cunningham, Mr Tony Blair and Dr David Clark - were among 26 Labour MPs who left the Commons before the crucial second vote, which enabled the Government to turn the tables.

There was particular surprise and dismay among Labour MPs that Dr Cunningham, the Opposition's senior business manager, who went to Strasbourg yesterday, left early.

Mr Tony Newton, the Secretary of State for Social Security, promised to give serious consideration to the arguments raised by Labour and Tory MPs, who argued

that income support should cover the full cost of fees charged by the homes and not fall around £40 a week short. Much the same message came from Government sources, who said that ministers recognized there was a

problem but also had a duty to

safeguard the public purse. With the separate Social Security Bill due to come before the Commons in the last week of the month, Mr Newton is expected to an-

One estimate of the cost of bowing to backbench pressure and paying the board and lodging costs of more than 100,000 pensioners in their eighties and nineties quoted in Government circles is £350 million a year.

Yesterday, at Westminster MPs digested the significance of the Government's first defeat of this Parliament and its startling reversal 10 minutes later. Neither Government nor Labour whips could take much comfort from the two votes in which the Government was first defeated by three but then won by 27 on the technicality of including the new clause guaranteeing full payment in the NHS and Community Care Bill.

Analysis of the division lists showed that 26 Labour MPs, including four members of the Shadow Cabinet, did not stay on for the crucial second vote.

ures who voted in the first division but not in the second included Mr Michael Foot, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Ken Livingstone, and Mr Clive Playing the deadly games of Beirut





Lebanon at play and at war: Two Christian boys play war games in the burnt-out wreck of their father's car while, in the East Beirut streets nearby, a Christian platoon is on patrol, Meanwhile, in West Beirut yesterday, fresh fighting broke out between the pro-Iran Hezbollah and the Syrian-backed Amal.

vesterday that Poland will

have a seat at the talks

whenever its western border is

While yesterday's talks were

involving its borders.

West can be defended 'without nuclear arms'

From Martin Fletcher, Washington need for nuclear weapons in

produced by America's Joint Chiefs of Staff suggests that for the first time in 40 years Nato could now defend Western Europe against a Soviet invasion without resorting to nuclear weapons, according to a leading US congressman.

This apparently radical re-vision of Nato doctrine was disclosed by Mr Les Aspin, the Democratic chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, after he had read the was broadly confirmed by Pentagon officials in private, but General Colin Powell chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, strongly denied that

With Democrats already

bettling for big reductions in the 1991 defence budget, Mr Aspin's assertion will increase pressure for big spending cuts. Nato has long argued that nuclear weapons were essen-tial for the defence of Western Europe because of the huge superiority in conventional forces of the Warraw Pact.

According to Mr Aspin, the Soviet forces from Eastern Europe and the far greater warning time that Nato would have of a Soviet attack mean that Allied troops could probthe assessment suggested the ably resist an invasion.

Kohl relents over Poland

From Ian Murray, Bonn Officials from East and West gest support for Poland's case Germany and the four Second World War Allies agreed at during a visit to France by President Jarozelski of Poland their first meeting to prepare for German reunification here and Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki,

the Prime Minister.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, also pressed. Poland's case during his visit to Boan on Monday, when he RC fears.

in progress, Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chanmet Herr Kohl and Herr cellor, who at first had rejected Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Polish demands for inclusion in the "two plus four" negotia-tions, telephoned President Bonn Foreign Minister. Mitterrand of France to say he

question should not bog down sion of the negotiations. a right to take part in all talks Herr Genscher arranged a meeting on Tuesday with M Roland Dumas, his French The call had been planned to take place a day earlier, after M Mitterrand at the to take place a day earlier, opposite number, at which dent Bunk. M Mitterrand after M Mitterrand at the they agreed that Poland meet the US leader in Fi weekend expressed the stron-should participate in the talks the following Thursday.

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volved in their outcome.

Although Mrs Thatcher had been among the first world leaders to speak out on behalf of Poland, it is indicative of the importance to Herr Kohl of West Germany's relationship with France that it was only after M Mitterrand spoke out that he dropped his oppo-sition to a Polish voice at the

The decision on Poland was the only one announced at the Anxious that the border end of the first six-hour ses-Friday in Bermuda Mrs Thatcher is to have her third meeting in a year with Presi-dent Bush. M Mitterrand is to meet the US leader in Florida

Most of England and

Political sketch

Confused by the daze of the week

Had you wandered into the Chamber early yesterday afternoon, you would have felt as does one who has turned up early for Sunday lanch, to discover his hosts still finishing a late Sunday breakfast.

Parliament was still sitting. For the rest of Britain it was Wednesday, but here at Westminster, Tuesday was still in force. Debate had staggered on through the night. Battle-weary foot-soldiers lay, dazed, on the green benches. Screwed-up pieces of paper. screwed-up faces and screwed-up luncheon-engagements, littered the scene. All Labour needed was to

reach the hour when Prayers (before the day's business) begin. The day's business would then be cancelled and the Government's timetable wrecked. All kinds of plays were tried - an exasperated Mr Speaker at one point declaring: "No! Let me have first go! It is Wednesday upstairs but it may be Tuesday down here." Robin Cook, Labour's Health Spokesman, was aroused to a fury stilled only by the thought that if he didn't wind-up fast, he'd miss the chance to be on The World at One; whereupon he ended his Question and scuttled from

Dennis Skinner even tried to move a Writ for a by- and he would like to explain election but had not got round to saying which or where, when Mr Speaker stopped him. Finally, "amid scenes of grave disorder" Mr current level of trade promo. Speaker adjourned the debate and ended Tuesday in time for police sniffer-dogs to sniff, and MPs to snatch a of rescue; and that he had sandwich, before Wednesday

Wednesday was a disappointment. It was Questions to the Industry Secretary but, in keeping with his "hands-off" approach, Mr Ridley failed to turn up at all. No explanation was offered and nobody bothered to ask. The Fayed affair has taught us that, once Mr Ridley has decided that something is "not in the public interest", further inquiry is pointless. Ridley had perhaps deemed to be in the public interest.

So we made do with his lieutenants, junior ministers John Redwood, Douglas Hogg, and Eric Forth. These

Douglas Hogg is become a sort of Public School skin head. He has entirely give nb suswering dicences from Labour MPs, and uses the inquiry as the signal for violent assault. Lab spokesman, the effect Gordon Brown, asked abou

the state of industry. "Last time the hon gentle man spoke," barked Hogs characterized his speech as mixture of stale jokes and ignorance. This time he ke out the stale jokes. Just a little more homework, please

"Experience, Mr Speaker" he said, answering a Question from Labour's Roy Hughes "has shown that the Labour Party doesn't have a clue how to manage the economy." But it was when Labour

burly and excitable Son Tommy Graham, weighed in fingers jabbing, on behalf of the steel industry, that Hog really struck. The hon gentleman really must stop leading with his chins he leered.

Mutt, fellow-minister John Redwood plays a scholar ship-boy Jeff. Cool, come, ous, "hands-off" Redwood is the acceptable face o Ridleyism. Your inquiry this minister can elicit only one reply; he cannot help; he is sorry that he cannot help very carefully the reason why.

To colleagues and Opposition MPs alike, Redwood argued yesterday that the tion was as much as made sense; that Export Credit nothing to add to his bost's remarks about the Fayeds, h was done in the soft and reassuring tones of a name who - should he despair of politics - could provide a marvellous voice-over on television advertisement for a patent relief from acid-

indigestion.
When they finally drop the Bomb on us, Redwood's should be the soft tones pipel into every building advius not to panie; but with all due haste to whitewash our windows, crawl under our desks, and wait.

Manufacturing industry may well be in need of such a

Matthew Partis

Gorbachov scrapes vote

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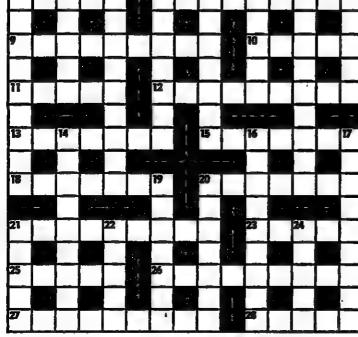
further operations. He asked Mr Gorbachov decline the nomination to why he had allowed the speech stand against Mr Gorbachov. and complained of "constant

attacks" on his policy. He said: "I ask you to let me work, as an individual and as Prime Minister. If not, I ask you to accept my resignation."

seat to resounding appla Later, in calmer mood, k returned to the platform to

The 2.245 members of the Congress of People's Deputie who have been attending this week's emergency sessing were entitled to vote on it. nomination and the "resal" Mr Ryzhkov returned to his will be announced today.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,242



- 1 Go west presumably? Absolutely
- 4 Bat's also run out for a very low

9 Fancied the single girl holding a

- drink (9). 10 "Too much of ____ hast thou, poor Ophelia" (Hamlet) (5).
- A blow from this is nothing to a 12 Having to admit the cockney
- girl's a tramp, perhaps (9).

 13 Young English prince of the royal blood? No (7). 15 Act, by Jove, to end Ruth's dis-
- comfiture (7). 18 Hemingway includes a pledge
- 20 Corinthian team in informal
- clothes (7).
- 21 Turn some snow to spray (9).
- 23 Mischievous for the Spanish to end in Paris (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,241

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sees dread shape (9).

25 Pop right inside for fish (5). 26 Told to illimmirate a conficate if it has a recurrent theme (9). 27 One who's got it coming to him

28 States girl may have this accent

- 1 Living tree producing calcium oxide (9).
- Florida hotel's in a state? Quite the opposite (5). -
- Being in the wrong scene, exit Shellfish a nonsense? Say why
- 5 Laurel, note, may be a killer (7). 6 Control position for loom (5).
- such solid figures (9). 8 Not much of a fight (5).

7 It takes a charade to disguise

- 14 Archduke could have been 13's 16 Northern Irelander needs a cost
- on the island (9). 17 Angry note dispatched — not completely satisfied (9).
- 19 Toys with sweets (7).
- 20 "With _____ tread, Upon our prey we steal" (Gilbert) (7).
 21 Colour of a mollusc (5). 20 "With .
- 22 One who is stupid but may be capped (5). 24 Walter receives a note from the
 - Norns (5).

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the lampage jumple. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard

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a. White-lot certil cere
b. A public provenale
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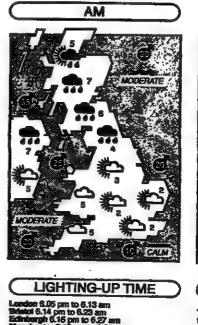
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TSA move on boards

The Securities Association has placed prime responsibility for compliance with its rules on to chief executive officers and boards of securities companies, whether or not they are directly involved. The new guidelines were drawn up to take account of lessons learnt from the Blue Arrow affair.

Beazer up

Pre-tax profits of Beazer, the housebuilder and quarry group, rose by 16 per cent to £63 million in the six months to December. The interim dividend is to rise by a tenth to Tempes, page 26

News post

Miss Pat Mastandrea, joint managing director of Sky Television, has been made a senior vice-president of The News Corporation. She will assume the role of vicepresident of international marketing and be involved in Sky Cable Direct Broadcasting Systems in the US.

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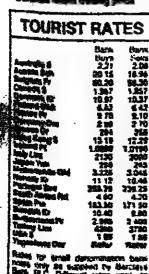
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SmithKline sets aside £500m to pay for closures



SmithKline Beecham, the Anglo-American pharmaceutical giant created in a £9 billion merger last July, has set aside £500 million to pay for the cost of closing 60 offices, factories and research laboratories, now surplus to its requirements.

The provision forms part of a £346 - million net extraordinary charge in its 1989 results, which show pre-tax profits just 3 per cent ahead at £724 million.

The group plans to sell its

Leaving these aside, trading profits on continuing activities rose 14 per cent to £738 million on sales 16 per cent up at £4.28 billion.

The fall of sterling against the dollar flattered trading profits by

Pre-tax profit growth was stunted by the interest charge which more than trebled from £31 million to

This was due to the loan stock issued to former Beecham sharenaid to SmithKline Beckman holders at the time of the merger.

Earnings per share were unchanged at 36.5p and a second dividend of 3.2p has been declared on the "A" ordinary shares held by UK shareholders, bringing the total for the year to 5.2p.

In addition to the restructuring provision, the £77 million costs of the merger were taken below the though the total was offset by gains of £143 million on the disposal of UHU adhesives, North American

Mr Bob Bauman, the chief executive, said all the planned restructuring had now been provided for, even though some closures have still to be announced.

He reiterated his warning that the disposal of the cosmetics businesses would not achieve the price originally expected when the sale was

By last month analysts had already lowered their sights from £800 million to about £350 million.

Christies clocks up £66.9m

to sell more of its minor brands. both to raise cash and to facilitate the reorganization of its factories. These will mostly be older pharmaceutical products whose patent protection has expired.

SECTION A

Both sales and operating profits of the core pharmaceutical business grew by 17 per cent. Tagamet, its important anti-ulcer drug, accounted for £650 million of its £2.24 billion pharmaceutical sales, almost

Comment, page 27

BAe not told to repay £38m 'sweeteners'

By John Bell, City Editor

stake. There has been specula-

tion that £70 million will be

demanded from the company for the effect the strike had on

working week, the conse-

Airbus production.

throughout the dispute.

quences for Airbus

have been important.

British Aerospace said there has been no official was nothing of the kind." BAe also revealed that call from the European strike action by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Commission to repay £38 million of "sweeteners" given to the group to complete the £150 million purchase of the

Rover car group in 1988. The negotiations were conducted openly and in good faith, said Professor Roland Smith, BAe's chairman. He said it was quite wrong to liken the sale to a soccer endof-season "free transfer" or "a deal between friends."

Professor Smith said BAe received no formal representation from the Department of Trade and Industry or the European Commission to "alter the terms and conditions of our legally binding agree-

He was speaking as BAe announced record pre-tax profits of £333 million for 1989. The all-party Commons trade and industry select committee is at present looking at £38 million in tax and other incentives given during the acquisition of Rover.

Professor Smith added: The impression has been conveyed that the sale of the Rover Group was treated as an end-of-season free transfer

BTR, the industrial conglom-

erate, joined the billionaires'

club with 1989 pre-tax profits of £1.08 billion compared

with fR?() million achieved in

1988. Sales rose by 28 per cent

Mr John Cabill, chief exec-

utive of BTR, said all regions

had contributed to the profits.

positive impact on profits

because of currency move-

ments, and productivity and efficiency within BTR had

accounted for £90 million of

the profits increase, he added.

BTR is raising its final dividend from 6.7p to 8.3p,

making 15p (12p) for the year.

Shares were 8p easier at 414p.

Contrary to market sugges-tions, Mr Cahill said be had

been given no evidence that

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts had

disposed of its \$15 million

BTR's forecast for 1990 is

that a successful trading

performance will depend on

quality rather than quantity. However, Mr Cahill added:

BTR expects to continue to

improve operating margins

and also to achieve satisfac-

tory growth in profit and

carnings," Tempus, page 26

investment in BTR.

There was a £46 million

to £7.03 billion.

or a deal between friends. It They included the first fullyear contribution from Rover, which made £64 million before interest and other central

Engineering Unions cost the In the previous 12 months, company £28 million in 1989. BAe's motor vehicle opera-tions contributed £50 million The dispute, part of a national union campaign for a shorter working week in the engineerat the operating level. But this included only four months contribution from Rover and ing industry, is over, but analysis suggest a similar cost profits from the now-sold Daf will fall into the current year. truck operations. BAe also poured cold water

The profits were warmly on suggestions that it will be received in the City. BAe forced to pay compensation to thares, which have underperfellow members of the Euroformed the market during the pean Airbus programme in which it has a 20 per cent engineering works strike, rose 20p yesterday to 505p.

Exceptional profits from the sale of shares in Daf and the Istel group of £64 million were broadly matched by the £28 million cost of strike action and an exceptional charge under new accounting standards on pensions.

But Mr Dick Evans, BAe chief executive, said BAe did . For the first time in five not consider it was liable and years, all divisions reported that it had acted properly trading profits. Miltary aircraft produced £226 million He said if BAe had given in (£183 million) while commercial aircraft recovered from a to union pressure for a shorter £38 million loss to produce a

The record profits of £333 making 22.7p, up 10.2 per million compared with £259

soar over £1bn

Sell-off and rights planned for Alphameric rescue

Alphameric, the troubled information systems and keyboard manufacturer, last night announced a wide-ranging financial rescue package involving an 18-for-5 rights ssue, the sale of its databroadcasting business and radical board changes.

Mr Ian Craig-Wood, one of the two brothers who brought the group to the USM in 1984,

will depart, while his brother Dougall will stand down as chairman but continue as a non-executive director. The restructuring arises from the



appointment in December of the former ICL executives Mr Geoff Bristow and Mr Robb Wilmot to conduct a complete review. Alphameric now says it will make losses of £11 million before tax in the year to March 31 and will not pay a final dividend.

The data-broadcasting side, including Bishopsgate Sys-tems and part of IGG Sys-tems, will be sold to British Aerospace for £2.25 million.

This will effectively trim debts from £8 million to £2 million. Further working capital is being raised by a £3.6 million rights issue at 5p a share, fully underwritten, on an 18-for-5 basis. The shares closed at 22p last night, ahead

Mr Wilmot runs Octagon Industries, a management consultancy specializing in information technology, which carried out the study in return for a 3.9 per cent stake. He becomes non-executive director, while Mr Bristow is made chairman and Mr Rod-Hornstein, chief executive.

The board proposes a final dividend of 14.6p per share,

Sale room MCA deal pips Thorn in volumes race for Geffen Records

Christopher Davidge: Sales for the first ten weeks are already ahead on last year

share price had slumped

Christies International the auctioneers, ended its 1989 financial year with pre-tax profits 58 per cent higher at £66.9 million, against £42.5 million, and net cash balances of £55.2 million.

Lord Carrington, Christies' chairman, said the results marked the end of a remarkthat was widely expected deable decade when the art spite a complete lack of market changed out of all confirmation from the British recognition. Sales were 71 per group itself, which again recent higher and at £1.33 billion had exceeded the £1 fused to comment on the news billion barrier for the first The high price set had caused widespread concern on time. Christies entered the 1990s "with optimism."

Mr Christopher Davidge, managing director, added that sales in the first 10 weeks of 1990 were ahead of last year's comparable levels. Christies had already consigned betweep \$350 million and \$450 million for auction. This included a Spring auction of contemporary and impressionist paintings includ-ing two works by Van Gogh in New York, jewellery in London, and vintage motor cars for sale in Monaco and

California. The group, in which Mi Michael Ashcroft's ADT holds 10.6 per cent of the ordinary capital, is paying a final dividend of 6p a share making 8p for the year, equivalent to a 68 per cent increase. The shares rose 4p to

Rival house Sotheby's Holdings announced from New York yesterday that its per cent to \$113 million on combined operating revenues of \$445 million. The dividend of 61 cents compares with 23 cents paid in 1988.

Thorn EMI shares jumped accordingly in recent weeks. Wedd, the broker. "But all

22p to 716p after it lost the Lazard Frères in New York is credit to them not to go out race to acquire Geffen Rethought to have been seeking a cords, one of the world's few buyer for Geffen for about two remaining independent music months, although the comcompanies of any size, to pany has never formally been MCA, which has put together up for sale. It has a manufacturing and distribution deal a complex convertible shares package worth \$562 million. with Time Warner, which takes 50 per cent of the profits. This tops the price Thorn but this is due to exoire at the had been due to pay, in a deal

the takeover talk. "It's a bit disappointing for Thorn, in the sense that Geffen would really have strengthened their American repertoire, which was exactly what they needed," said Miss Jane Anscombe, leisure anthe London market, and its

end of this year, prompting

and pay a very high price for just \$225 million of revenue." An acquisition by Thorn would have created the third largest distributor of recorded

music in the world. MCA said it had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Geffen for 1 million shares of a new Series B participating convertible pre-ferred stock, paying a dividend equal to 10 times the dividend paid on MCA common - currently 17 cents a

Mr David Geffen will continue as chairman and chief alyst at Barclays de Zoete executive of Geffen Records.

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Over the decade from 1978 to 1988 the proportion of industrial and commercial assets acquired by instalment credit has risen steadily from under 10 per cent. to approaching

In monetary terms, it means the market is now worth around £14.5 billion, compared to around £1.5 billion in 1978. The days of businesses automatically opting for a loan or

an overdraft are going, not growing. Today, more than one third of all company cars are acquired by leasing or contract hire. Comparatively little known ten years ago, contract hire alone now accounts for nearly 20 per cent. of them.

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Japanese securities house moves into US program trading

Nomura takes on the big three

From John Durie, New York

Nomura Securities, the world's biggest securities house, has entered the controversial field of program trading in

world equities and futures markets. The firm's US subsidiary has appointed Mr Joseph Schmuckler, formerly the head of Kidder Peabody's program trading division, to run the operation.

The move by the big Japanese securities house into program trading underlines the growth of the trading technique. It also effectively deflects the pressure on US securities firms operating in Japan, Salomon Brothers, Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs were attacked earlier this month for destabilizing the Tokyo market using program tracing techniques.

Program trading comes in a variety of forms, but most commonly transfers

large volumes of shares to exploit differences between the stock index futures market and the physical markets. It presently accounts for around 10 per cent of the daily volume on the New York Stock Exchange.

Nomura's plan is to develop a computer program to allow traders to buy and sell large volumes based on differences in world equities markets.

Mr Max Chapman, co-chairman of Nomura in New York, said: "We think there are a number of institutional investors who will want to be able to do that internationally."

Nomura is not the first Japanese house to develop program trading capability but with \$120 billion under management its move is the most significant. Daiwa Securities offers program trading, but is well behind the big three New York

While the Nomura group is politically

welcome to the US firms, an executive from one of the big three said: "Nomura clearly thinks there is money to be made in program trading, but maybe it's a game they have joined too late." Program trading is still politically sensitive in New York and was partly

blamed for the October, 1987, stock market crash and the October 13 fall last lts supporters argue that it simply exploits inefficiencies in the different

markets, and is the message bearer not the person who wrote the message. In Washington, Congress this week approved a Bill to give the Securities and Exchange Commission the power to halt program trading where it believes market

manipulation is occurring. But the measure has strong opposition. It was not included in a similar Senate Bill and is strongly opposed by the Treasury Department.

Rental income helps lift CN&C to £4.5m

Clarke, Nickolis & Coombs, the property investor and developer in which London Securities has a 29 per cent stake, lifted pre-tax profits by 6 per cent to £4.5 million in the year to end-December. The net asset value increased by 33 per cent to 120p per share.

Earnings per share climb from 14.46p to 15.25p. The final dividend is improved to 2p (1.575p), making 3p for the year, ap 33 per cent. Mr Eric Lyall, the chairman, said the increase reflects strong growth in gross rental income and increase property trading profits. The shares eased 2p to 98p.

Trust's asset Merivale in value up 12% 10% decline

The net asset value at Ameri- Merivale Moore, the propcan Trust, the investment trust, increased by 12.7 per cent to 180.8p in the year to end January. Pre-tax profits were ahead by 32.7 per cent to \$6.39 million. Earnings per share rise from 3.97p to 5.18p, and the final dividend is 3.1p (2.65p), making 4.5p (3.9p) for the year. Investment income climbed by 37.6 per cent to \$5.95 million.

The spectre of a hefty claim erty group, suffered a 10 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to ect, reputedly £70 million or so, for production lost in the 23.7 million at his interim stage to December. Mr engineering strike was also Grenville Dean, chairman, dismissed. BAe has argued says present conditions impair forecasts for an imthat such mishaps should be borne collectively in the tradiprovement in profits, £12.1 million lest time. The halftional manner of partnerships. time dividend stays at 2.75p on earnings per share of 14.4p (17.4p).

Fired Earth advance

Higher than expected sales before Christmas at Fired Earth Tiles, the importer and retailer of handmade floor and wall tiles, lifted pre-tax profits by 30 per cent to £971,000 in the year to end-December. Turnover was up 47.2 per cent to £4.09

products, and encouraging early signs from Merchant Tiler, the new range of lower price tiles. The shares slipped by 2p to

up to £1.65m Sealink sale

Allied Insurance Brokers, the insurance broking firm, increased pre-tax profits by 39 per cent to £1.65 million in the year to December. The company is distributing a 2.5p final dividend, to make 3.5p for the year, an increase of 40 per cent. Neil Lewis Associates, the insurance company it acquired in Aude £1.05 million, in

million. Earnings per share rise by 25 per cent to 12.15p and there is a final dividend of 2.25p (nil).

Mr Nicholas Kneale, the chairman, said 1990 had started well, with an increase in demand for Fired Earth's traditional

Allied profits Way clear for

the last obstacle to its male of Sealink to the Swedish shipping line Stena and of most of its container assets to Tiphook with an agreement to terminate an earlier deal with the US Itel Corporation. Itel was to buy Sea Containers' tank container business and will now be paid \$3.35 million in connection with the termination.

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Clouds are lifting from BAe

British Aerospace blew away a good deal of the black cloud putting BAc shares on a humble 6 times carnings. Clearly there is substantial menacing the shares yesterday. Despite rumours that the scope, over time, for a re-European Commission is rating. The profile of the business is fast improving. about to demand repayment of £38 million of sweetners Dependence on defence is agreed by Lord Young, the being reduced by investment outgoing Secretary of State for in cars, property and commer-Trade when the Rover purcial arcraft. Joint ventures chase was finalized, BAe has with Thomson CSF point the made no provision. There has way to others with long-term been no pressure from the EC benefits. The shares, up 20p to or the Government, said Prof 505p yesterday, are cheap on a Roland Smith, chairman. short-term view, too.

by partners in the Airbus proj-BTR

BTR has aptly proved after two decades of solid growth that it knows where it is going and knows what it wants.

The conglomerate has now joined the £1 billion club with future of the European Fighter (£820 million) for the year might be scrapped or moth-balled now appear to have overhanging to the year overhanging overhanging to doubt overhanging world econo-mies, looks well set for further been grossly overdone. The same can be said of worries progress in the 1990s.

about BAe's programme of Even stripping out the £46 military work in light of the million positive impact at the outbreak of peace in Europe. pre-tax level from currency movements, there can be little carping with results. The final The company also confirmed that the swap of 20 per dividend rises from 6.70 to cent share stakes between 8.3p, psyable May 24, making 1.5p (12p) for the year. The 1980s in general and Rover and Honda's British operations is to be finalized

1989 in particular saw a A few negatives remain. BAe seems likely to have a general improvement in BTR's various financial ratios. Gearing, which at the half year stood at 55 per cent, was down to 46 per cent at year same as last year's net £40 million, due to the arcane workings of the current pendown to 46 per cent at year down so this year's organic 414p, down 8p, on a prospectud. Gearing should cominue percentage figure should grow, to fall until the half-way mark this year, although it might opportunities abound and sion funding accounting stan-dards. The remaining impact this year, although it might rise again should acquisition of the engineering strike should be about £35 million in opportunities be seized.

A large measure of last next area of opportunity could year's pre-interest profits growth was due to acquiyear from £333 million to sitions, though internal eff- lian Nylex experience could iciency and higher product- happen. Another devabout £340 million. According ivity played their parts. elopment this year could be a Organic growth was 15 per repeat of BTR's highly cent on an organic 5 per cent successful warrant issues.



Prof Roland Smith: brighter outlook at BAe

increase in sales. However, the clutch of last year's acquisitions is fast being bedded.

BTR may not be out of the Beazer bidding ring for too long. The well be the US where an eventual float à la the Austra-

march forward to £1.24 billion this year to put the shares at

There are two schools of thought about Beazer, the former West Country builder which spent \$1.8 billion buying the US giant Koppers two putting it an unparalleled position to benefit from infrastructure spending. The second is that the company has boxed itself in by taking on £1 billion of debt that will take years to repay.

Fortunately, a third inter-pretation no longer seems plausible. Beazer's latest figures show no sign that it is heading the way of some other entrepreneurial companies of the late Eighties, whose overambitious expansion plans have necessitated an urgent capital reconstruction. Pre-tax profits and earnings

per share both rose by 16 per

cent to £63 million and 13p

respectively in the half year to December. Admittedly, the interest charge more than trebled to £47 million, but that was mainly due to the buying in of the off-balance-sheet vehicle used to buy Koppers in the closing months of 1988. On a like-for-like basis, there was a £16 million turnround in the UK to leave profits of £11 million from

contracting, while the contribution from the US building materials interests rose by £7 million to £62 million. These improvements more than offset a £19 million downturn to £39 million from housebuilding in the UK. The shares rose 5p to 158p

on the announcement and if profits in the year to June fall no more than a fifth to £105 million, cutting earnings per share to 21.5p, the prospective p/e ratio will be 7. If the 10 per cent dividend increase is repeated with the final, the yield will be 7 per cent.

After revaluing its US mineral reserves at £1.8 billion, Beazer's net asset backing works out at something like 400p a share — though borrowings are at the same years ago. The first is that level as shareholders' funds. Beazer has shrewdly snapped The shares are an asset play up one of the top two ag- for the very patient.

Brierley 'is on way to rejection at Vickers'

of Vickers, has said that he expects shareholders to oppose a proposal by Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, to demense Rolls-Royce Motor Cars at next month's annual meeting.

"The reaction from key institutional shareholders is that the company is correct in its view that Rolls-Royce should remain a part of Vickers," Sir David said

Sir Ron, who is the bismet single shareholder in Vickers with 18.2 per cent held through his IEP Securities, said in a letter to Sir David last week that Vickers shares were trading on a price/carnings ratio of about eight times earnings and that a separately quoted Rolls-Royce would yield more than 12 times

Rolls-Royce is Vickers's ton contributor to pre-tax profit, providing £24.7 million of a £83.6 million profit last year. Sir David said that Rolls-Royce had made a strong start to this year's sales, with a 26 per cent rise in January on the

Rights offer by Templeton

same month last year.

Templeton Emerging Markets Investment Trust, launched last May, is to raise £19: million through a complex one-for-two rights issue.

Holders of ordinary shares or convertible loan stock originally sold as a package are offered a unit of five shares and 2.19 warrants for extra ten shares or £10 of convenible held. The units are paice at 633p. Oddiy, shareholden need to own shares in med tiples of 1,000 (or 500 each of shares and convertible stock to be due a whole number of

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Cobbold Roach By Angela Mackay

generation property - where

March acquires

March Group, the USM-listed cagineering group, announced a £3.65 million rights issue and started its forecast diversification into financial services yesterday with the purchase of Cobbold Roach, Elders Finance's private client business, for £3 million.

At the same time the commeo and Porsche racing cars, reported a pre-tax loss of £420,598 for the year to end-October 1989, sharply better most £250 million cash for the with a £3.9 million loss.

Cobbold Roach, which has about 15,000 clients overall, manages more than £600 million for about 6,500 portfolio clients, said Mr Roger Young, March's chief executive.

"Cobbold Roach has a client base concentrating on the UK's biggest growth market in Marc financial services — second at 41p.

elderly people are devolving their assets to their children who then have some sizeable amounts to invest," he said. While Cobbold made a loss

of £203,000 in the year to end-June 1989, this included excenses and trading losses related to the European and pany, which builds Alfa Ro- Australian trading desks which have been closed down.

than the £4.5 million loss in 1988. After tax credits and extraordinary gains, it produced profits of £969,524, compared mulative average annual remulative average annual return of more than 30 per cent.

The rights issue, which will raise £3.5 million net, is fully underwritten by Laing & Cruickshank and will be used partly to redeem £1 million of 7½ per cent preference shares due in April and to provide cheap working capital.

March shares ended up 1p

The perils of portable pensions Eighteen months after pen-

sions became portable employees may find difficulty when changing jobs. Details in Family Money on Saturday.

One of Mr Nigel Lawson's,

last pension changes is coming into force. Do-it-yourself pensions are being offered for those who feel they can do better than the fund managers.
The dwindling rights of unit holders come under scrutiny

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while investors who have made gains on their portfolios this year are guided on the best bed and breakfast deals.

One of the biggest tax changes to affect familie comes into force on April 6 making it important for couples to review their finances Family Money will help investors assess the risks and grold the pitfalls.

As busy as a BTR

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This leaves BAe set for a

modest advance in the current

to County NatWest Wood-

Mac, the broker, this would give earnings of about 83p,

the current year.



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COMMENT David Brewerton

Hillsdown pensions holiday Asbestos helps profits leap to £195m hit profit

profits by 30 per cent to £195.6 in margins from 5.5 per cent to 6.3 per cent

However the shares fell 7p to 246p when it became clear that the results included a £10 million pensions holiday - to recur over the next 10 years as a result of changes in account-

Total dividend for the year rises 20 per cent to 7.2p on earnings up from 27.0p to

Most analysts had expected profits to reach £195 million without the pension fund

Hillsdown Holdings, Britain's somewhat disappointed with the results, even though Hillsdown had included about £10 million of closure and rationalization costs above the

> This aside, Hillsdown managed strong underlying growth in the face of exposure to the sluggish property, housebuilding and furniture markets and a loss of sales earlier in the year as a result of health fears over salmonella and listeria.

On his way to Bulgaria to discuss joint ventures, Mr Harry Solomen, Hillsdown chairman, said £10 million had been knocked off profits as a result of listeria and salmonella, while rising tea holiday and said they were prices had claimed another £5 just a 10 per cent rise in acquire four years ago.

contribution from Premier Brands. Poultry and eggs managed

disease" did not have any

But Hillsdown, whose food

business now accounts for 80

last May's £215 million ac-

quisition of Premier Brands

and the disposal of its Cart-wright Brice stationery group, boosted operating profits in its food division by 54 per cent to

Much of the growth came

from the food processing and distribution side, up 84 per cent to £95.4 million — includ-

ing a £23 million six-mouth

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£141 million.

operating profits to £20.4 million, recovering from just a £3 million contribution in the first half to more than £17 million in the second half. Operating profits in the fresh meat and bacon division climbed 18 per cent to £25.4

Despite a difficult furniture market, Hillsdown increased operating profits in the di-vision by 20 per cent to £16.7

Housebuilding and prop-erty profits were up 30 per cent to £57 million.

Hillsdown has ruled out a bid for Berisford International, the food and property group it attempted to

at T&N

By Graham Searjeant T&N, the motor components

and engineering group, has increased its dividend by 12 per cent to 10.75p a share despite an 8 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £84 million

Earnings per share fell from 26.4p to 24.1p.
Operating profits, though hurt by rationalization costs, increased by 14 per cent to £123 million out of a 13 per

cent rise in turnover to £1.12 But profits were hit by almost doubled charges for interest and for legal and compensation costs from the group's former asbestos

Profits were below earlier City estimates because demand fell in some areas in the last quarter of 1989. But the the stock market, leaving the shares unchanged at 192p. Mr Colin Hope, the new

chairman, said that the group's balance sheet asset value was almost as much as the share price at 183p a share after including a £53 million property revaluation surplus and the unquantified benefit of the group's settlement with Hill Samuel over the AE

Mr Hope said the slowdown in demand appeared to have stabilized. T&N should be able to offset the effects thanks to rationalization completed in some subsidiaries, notably the turbine-blade and motorpiston businesses, and from investment made to cut costs and prepare for new original equipment contracts with Nissan in the UK and other motor manufacturers in internutional markets.

Capital spending rose from £61.6 million to £96.5 million and acquisitions cost £37 million against £14 million from disposals, sending borrowings up £102 million to £153 million. The interest charge consequently rose from £12

million to £21 million. But Mr Hope said this was five times covered by profits. Asbestos-related disease costs jumped from £10.7 million to £20.1 million, mainly

due to an additional provision of £9 million (against £5 million in 1988). The provisions whate to the extra costs from the break-up of the original asbestos manu-facturers legal co-operative in the US, where the bulk of product-liability costs arise. Mr Hope said he expected annual asbestos charges to continue at about 1 per cent of

turnover.

Too many pills for the SmithKline bankers they believed, rightly or wrongly, that SKB could find no buyer privately. Talks go on . . and on. And the £1.75 Tot since the great electrical

mergers of 20 years ago has there been so much blood on the walls as has spurted from the amalgamation of SmithKline and Beecham. For a group which appeared to have little wrong with it, the £500 million provision for restructuring smacks of any combination of:

1. Unexpected inefficiencies in both companies: Dramatic synergies to be gained from

eliminating overlap between the two companies; or 3. Preparing for some very hard times to

My guess would be a bit of each. It is a sorry fact of manufacturing life that some of the best investment made in industry is investment in closures. SKB's wholesale elimination of factories, offices, managers and workers is expected to cut costs by £100 million a year, and follows similar stable cleaning exercises elsewhere on the drugs scene. Drug companies enjoy phenomenal profit margins, but does not mean they can be profligate on the costs side. SKB, particularly, is looking miserably at 1994 when its top product, the ulcer treatment Tagmet, loses its patent protection and SKB has to hold its corner against the low cost generic manufacturers. No joke, with that product alone accounting for £650

million. Meanwhile, the shares also stand under the shadow of a downgrading of the expected growth rates which analysts have slimmed from 20 per cent to nearer 15 per cent, and the disappointment that Eminase, the heart attack drug, does not offer such a premium performance as early trials suggested.

Finally SKB seems to have made a Horlicks of selling many of its non-core businesses, as diverse as Yardley cosmetics and Marmite. It appears that by hoisting a world-wide "for sale" sign, the buyers were frightened away because

million debt mountain must be costing the best part of half a million a day to finance. That's an awful lot of pills for

Bare all, Beristora The City Takeover Panel does not normally interest itself in the New York property scene nor in the affairs of directors' children. But when the two come together and a listed company in a takeover situation is involved, the the lads round at the Stock

Exchange Tower should begin to take One shareholder of Berisford International has now had the details of the links explained in a letter, long delayed, from the company, but the remaining shareholders remain in the dark. The one shareholder, Associated British Foods, had the subject aired at the annual meeting, and it appears that Ephraim Margulies, the former chairman and proud father, was not as frank as he might have been in front of the

owners of the company. Mr Margulies, who likes to "buy a little, sell a little and with God's help make a little", should not be spared exposure of the full details to all shareholders

The New York property business is notoriously volatile and frequently catches the locals unawares, which could explain why such a highly paid Berisford as Howard Zuckerman fell foul of the cycle and led his company into losses. But until the full story is told to the whole audience, there will remain an uncomfortable feeling that there must be something to hide. The very cornerstone of the takeover code is that all shareholders are treated in the same manner. In this case, even though Berisford has announced a takeover approach, this is not the case.

Small man's rights

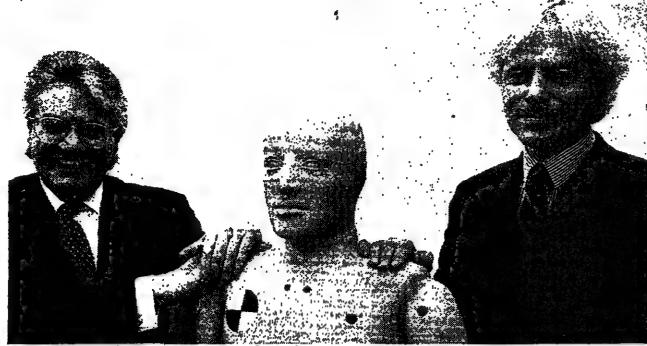
empleton is making a rights issue for its Emerging Markets Trust within a year of launch on the back of a performance that should equally please both big institutions and small shareholders. The shares are up to 126p, in line with asset value, which means that Mark Mobius, the manager, has achieved 30 per cent growth on the 97p per share subscription proceeds in markets from Turkey to Mexico. The aim of avoiding a discount on asset value has thus far been met without buying in stock.

Some small shareholders may, however, be offended by the terms of the rights package. To offer the maximum number of warrants allowed by the Stock Exchange, holders will be offered, as the incentive part of the package, 2.19 warrants per 10 shares. This means that stock must be held in multiples of 1,000 to achieve a whole number of warrants, any fractions being sold for the company. A holder of, say 625 shares (originally subscribed in multiples of 125) would therefore lose nearly 2 warrants as a result of a double rounding down exercise.

If, as is likely, that investor also holds £625 convertible loan stock subscribed with the shares in a single unit, he or she would be short of 3.75 warrants worth about £1.60. That is insignificant in money terms and Kitcat & Aitken, the broker, points out that small holders can still have more warrants than if the rights unit had included a round 2. But this is yet another case of a company not catering in detail for the small investors it theoretically seeks to attract.

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Abbott gives a good account



Successful trio: David Abbott, right, with chief executive Peter Mead and the dummy used in Abbott's Volvo campaign Abbott Mead Vickers attracted £30

to back Mirman

million worth of new accounts on to its books last year, a sign, it says that in tough times good agencies come into their own (Sam Parkhouse writes).

The group has won the chance to promote such clients as Hoover, Revion, the Nationwide Building Society and the Royal Bank of Scotland. Mr James McDanell, finance director, said that in

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porate life, had the support of

Extraordinary General Meet-

Although only six turned

resolution to increase borrow-

sent messages of support on

their proxy cards. "Best of luck, love" was the message

has been silence about the

identity of potential rescuers.

ing powers to £20 million.

ing yesterday.

thareholders at the group's

all, new business accounted for half of the 21 per cent pre-tax profits advance to

The agency's turnover improved by a fifth to £122.6 million in a year when some competitors foundered. Mr David Abbott, the chairman, said when advertising has to work harder, the better

agencies do even better. In a survey by Campaign, the in-

Shareholders vote N&P loses £6m in

Miss Sophie Mirman, founder private investors but no-one and chairman of Sock Shop has heard who they are," said Building Society has written which immediately writes off pany considering taking a stake would have to justify it may be hard to do."

Mr Peter DuBuisson, one of up, they voted in favour of a the joint administrators running Sock Shop, said he was optimistic the group would survive. However, he said it was "far too early" to say Many other shareholders when a refinancing package would be in place or what it would comprise.

from one, which seemed to The administrators have until May 21 to come up with a proposal to put to shareholdsum up the general sentiment. Retailers and analysts believe the company may need more than luck. They are coners who have seen their shares. now frozen at 34p, fall from a cerned that although the group has been in talks about refinpeak of 325p. ancing for some months, there

If no proposal is forthcoming by then, the administrators can apply to the court "They may be talking to for an extension.

abandoned float By Lindsay Cook, Family Money Editor

off £6.1 million incurred in its preparations to become the second building society to convert to a public company. It had also overstated its 1988 profits, the society an-

Mr Ben Thompson-McCausland, group managing director, said, however, that the money spent on legal activity and professional fees was an investment, although the society had indefinitely postponed any flotation plans. The society, the sixth largest, now had voting systems in place which could be "pulled off the shelf when and if the

opportunity requires it."
N&P has adjusted its 1988 profits down from £94 million to £92.2 million. This reflects market value accounting of

dustry's magazine, Abbott was voted top

During the year, the group stepped away from the possibility of doing "a

wrong deal" when discussing a merger with Scali McCabe Sloves, preferring to

The dividend rose 20 per cent to 7.2s

on earnings of 27.05p (23.52p). The shares gained 4p to 260p.

write off £590,000 in costs.

The 1989 pre-tax profits at £107.7 million are 17 per cent above the adjusted 1988 figure and 14 per cent ahead of the profits as originally stated. This compares with £107.8 million reported by the Cheltenham & Gloucester, the seventh largest society, last

N&P increased its bad debt provision from £2.2 million to £4 million, despite a fall in its domestic long-term arrears during the year.

The results were part of the society's long-term strategy and the strength of this was reflected in the recent uprating of the society by the Japanese from AA minus to AA, said Mr Thompson-McCausland.

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R E J Roberts, Chairman

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Striking at the City's heart

The latest spate of job losses in the Square Mile are reaching into what was once the very heart of the City - the International Stock Exchange itself. Peter Rawlins, appointed chief executive of the Exchange in November, warned then that there would be an internal shake-up. According to a report in today's edition of the magazine Computer Weekly, that is what has taken place. Important cutbacks have apparently been made in its information technology division, with a large number of technical staff laid off across the board. Up to 100 such jobs have been lost in the past few weeks, including several heads of departments and senior consultants, and a further 60 technical workers in the Exchange's internal management services division received redundancy notices this week
effectively dismantling the
entire operation. The Exchange points out that some of these people will be redeploy-ed, and that the functions of this now disbanded division will be "devolved." Its Strategic Research Unit, which lost 10 senior consultants last month, has also now been disbanded, with the loss of a further eight jobs. Asked if redundancies were planned elsewhere, a spokeswoman said: "No, not yet." She said Rawlins was "studying a

at the Exchange as a whole,

and has promised to come up

with various proposals by



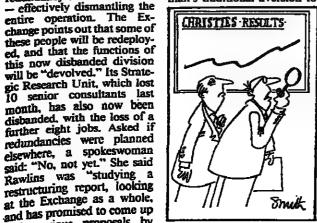
Expanding for Sumo

expand at an alarming rate, there is an explanation. For Tregoning, hitherto renowned for his trim, sporting physique, tells me that he has all but agreed — admittedly, foolishly - to take part in a Samo

If the waistline of dashing Japanese unit trusts. It is the Julian Tregoning, a director of fund management group Save & Prospensed by Save Hoyes, who has tracked down a Sumo wrestling club in Is-lington, and will have a price to pay. For Tregouing tells me that he will, of course, have to practice ahead of the April spectacle, and will only consider that he is ready to compete - "once I can successfully throw Nichola across wrestler in order to celebrate the 20th anniversary of S&P's the room." foreign languages. Linked to 1992 and all that, the Lead Body in Languages has the support of the Department of

Lingo leaders

A gaggle of top executives, led by John Raisman, deputy chairman of British Telecom, have formed the latest group to tackle the British businessman's traditional aversion to



"It appears to be genuine."

strine Australian property company 49 per cent-owned by John Spalvins's Adsteam, is in the

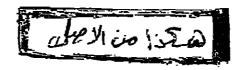
middle of a supposedly hostile £60 million bid for Camford Engineering, the Camford board was surprisingly hos-Employment and is part of the Government's plan to create a new system of occupational standards by 1991. It has drawn members from Hill Samuel, in the form of direc-tor Sir Hugh Cortazzi, and were divided by a hostile bid from the boards of BP, Costain, Barclays and British Airways. Raisman looks particularly qualified to head the team - he has become fluent in French, Portuguese and Spanish from his travels with his previous employer, Shell.

● It had to happen . . . drivein divorce.Couples in the US state of Oregan can now get a divorce from the comfort of their cars. All they have to do is drive up to the window, where divorce papers are duly served through a hole in the glass - bullet proof, of course.

Taking the Given that Markheath, the

pitable to the suitors after the Camford annual meeting. Since Markheath owns 29 per cent of Camford, its two meeting - MD Paul Bobroff and Adsteam representative Ian Creber - had been invited, along with the 100 or so shareholders there, to stay on for lunch. The invitation, originally extended some three weeks ago - before the bid - was confirmed, post the bid, and they were offered seats at the same table as Camford chairman Brian Cox - a one-time director of Barclays Merchant Bank - and chief executive Dennis Keech. "They were having such a convivial lunch, you would never have thought that they one astonished onlooker told me. "They all looked very relaxed." Given the lavish buffet - lobster, smoked salmon, roast beef - another bemused shareholder said: "Perhaps this was Camford's last supper." Fuelling further speculation that the shouting was all but over - even though Camford has yet to produce its defence document - Keech revealed that he has even been learning Australian. He opened the meeting with "Hallo cobbers," and, at one point, quipped: "Fair Dinkum."

Carol Leonard



THE CHANGING FACE OF A SILENT GENIUS.



step on that spider . . . it might be Lon Chaney.

No? But it's the joke of the decade! Well, it was in the knife-throwing circus star (The Unknown). 20s. But then, in the 20s there was probably more chance of Lon Chaney being a spider than a spider being a spider.

parents. Chaney became one of the biggest movie-stars of the silent era through extraordinary portrayals of all manner of unfortunate, often grotesque individuals: clowns, hunchbacks, phantoms, vampires, evil grandmothers, drunken husbands...

It seemed there was no character this silent genius couldn't create; no contortion he wasn't capable of; no face painful doesn't it? It's not. It's wonderful. It means you can Born on April Fool's Day, 1883 to deaf and dumb he couldn't bring to life.

A bit like Epson's latest printers really.

example. Like old Lon, it can do things with characters and faces that you didn't think could

parrot-selling old lady (The Unholy Three) to an armless mirror, plastered in make-up with funny teeth stuffed up its cake-hole. It does the business almost instantly.

The GQ-5000, you see, has 'scaleable fonts'. Sounds jet (600 cps in draft mode and 198 cps in LQ). select any typeface from 80 built-in fonts; choose any size and does all its own paper-handling stunts, dataring between 3pt and 240pt; print landscape or portrait in hold, - by simply pressing a button or two.

If, however, a cast of thousands is not what be done with characters and faces. Unlike old you're looking for, simply a quietly brilliant

The SQ-850 is so quiet you'll hardly notice it's there, let alone that it's whizzing along faster than any comparable inkReduct Lord line

It also produces high-resolution graphics (at 360 dpi) Lon Chancy had to sweat his way through almost Take the GQ-5000 laser printer, for medium or italics; underline, extend, flip or condense letters 150 films to earn the title The Man of a Thousand Faces. All you have to do is write or ring your way through to us here at Epson. So step on it.

But don't step on that spider . . . it might be an Epson.

Taxing problems for Major

Rodney Lord looks at the steps the Chancellor may take as he picks his way through a political and fiscal minefield in the

approach to next week's Budget

raising personal allowances in line with inflation. This would

raise an additional £1.6 bil-

may be small.

benefit of enjoying a company

more highly. The only ques-tion is whether Mr Major will

continue the 10 per cent-a-

year increase favoured, apart

from one year, by Mr Lawson,

or whether he will decide on

consider some additional re-

lief for the costs to working

mothers of bringing up child-

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give him the economic incentive. Whether tax relief is

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Taxes on saving

threatened in the 1990s by demographic changes might

More agreeably, he might

more punitive treatment

≺he Chancellor, Mr John Major, has not been dealt the easiest of hands for tax reform in 1990. The paramount need to get inflation down suggests that fiscal policy should be kept tight, leaving no scope for net cuts in taxes and very possibly a need for tax increases. Nor does Mr Major have the henefit of a fresh electoral mandate for change - on the contrary, the Government is in political trouble and already facing embarrassment over the introduction of the poll tax which, though it is not a Budget measure, may have taken some of the gilt off the tax reform theme.

Despite these unpromising circumstances, the Chancellor still has some shots in his locker. While net tax cuts may car seems certain to be taxed be ruled out, scope for change can always be created by ting others. He has also inherited from Mr Lawson a farreaching reform of the taxation of husband and wife which comes into effect from April I and is likely to feature prominently in the Budget. income Tax and NICs:

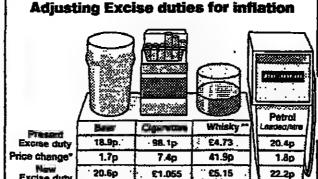
Other decisions on income tax ren. He has been under conmay be less palatable this year. siderable pressure to make a This is not the year to make move in this direction and the further progress on cutting the basic rate or making any additional changes to the rate structure. The Chancellor is more likely to want to take money out of the economy rather than putting it back in. and one of the least conspicuous ways of doing so on any scale would be to refrain from six Budgets, made consid-



BUDGET PREVIEW

There is a good case on paper for further changes to crable changes in the taxation of saving, reducing the privi-leges of institutional saving the structure of National Insurance Contributions which and giving additional inwould align them more closely centives to employee share with income tax. These could include abolishing the upper limit, making perks liable for NICs and reducing the sharpownership and other aspects of what has come to be called popular capitalism. One feaest of the step increases in employer NICs. But the polture of this was to limit the privileges attaching to home ownership, and it will be itical appeal of such moves is probably slight, and after the interesting to see whether Mr reforms in the last Budget, the likelihood of further action Major continues to keep the lid on the ceiling for mortgage interest relief. Further technical changes are likely in the More probable is action on some of the reliefs for income pensions and life assurance tax. On the downside, the areas, but this seems unlikely

> More likely is some further improvement in the incentives for employees or small savers. Recent changes to personal equity plans have considerably increased their appeal and Mr Major may



less successful and may be due on the agenda, increases in either for a shot in the arm or sales taxes must be a either for a shot in the arm or quiet burial.

Independent taxation could increase opposition to the arrangements for composite rate taxation of building society and bank deposits. Because composite rate tax is not reclaimable by non-taxpayers, many wives with small savings will not benefit from having an independent tax allowance. Scrapping CRT would reverse its extension from building societies to banks by Mr Lawson in 1984. to be the year for any sub-Indirect toxes: The general philosophy of the

Government has been to cut taxes on income and, if anything, increase them on spending. This has been done both by raising the rate of VAT in 1979 and extending its coverage in later Budgets, and by raising and restructuring ex-

Profit-related pay has been cise duties. If tax increases are possibility.

> Against this, further increases in excise duties, most of which are already high by European standards, are constrained by EC pressure to harmonize - or, in the jargon, approximate - taxes in different member countries in the run-up to 1992. Increases would also raise prices which would give an unfortunate signal with inflation at its present level.

Deninesi texes: The Confederation of British

Industry has seldom been backward in calling for a reduction in Corporation Tax. This year, it may have a better case than it sometimes has in view of falling profits and a slowdown in investment What the CBI wants is not (this year) a cut in the rate but

which would give a greater incentive to investment. It is also concerned, as are many tax economists, by the lack of indexation in the system of company taxation. Doing anything about either of these things, however, would undo some of Mr Lawson's work in 1984. It might also relax the squeeze on pay.

Apart from the main corporate tax issues and several technical matters, such as the long-standing question of exchange rate gains and losses, there may well be scope for further improvements to the regime for small business.

vironmental: If Mr Major is looking for a new flavour, the obvious one is environmental taxes. It would not be entirely new because Mr Lawson made a start with the tax differential for unleaded petrol, but a number of other environ-. mental issues susceptible to regulation by taxation have risen over the horizon since then. Most prominent among them is global warming which appears to be caused by carbon dioxide emissions. The answer in principle might be a carbon tax or taxes. The trouble is that to make much difference, the tax would need to be high and be matched by similar taxes in other advanced countries.

TOMORROW

Effective replies to pleas over childcare costs

Calls for tax relief on child- (25 per cent of £120). This care costs have been the would restrict the cost 2 little. londest pre-Budget pleas.

Such an impovation would be wrong in that if the aim is to encourage back into the labour market mothers who cannot afford to work, there are more effective, cheaper, fairer and administratively simpler ways.

The most radical suggestion is that employer-provided childcare should not be taxed, and that privately incurred childcare costs should be taxdeductible. The cost to the State would vary with the tax rate of the parent and the level of care. The tax reduction where £120 a week is spent, for a higher rate taxpayer, would be £48 (40 per cent of £120). For a basic rate taxpayer spending £20, it would be £5 (25 per cent of £20), and for a non-taxpayer nothing.

The problem of childcare costs making work financially unattractive is likely to be far greater for the low paid. To distribute money available for childcare so that those with more to spend receive more is

Alternatives are available. First, tax relief could be limited to the basic rate, so that the higher rate taxpayer in our example would gain only £30

A further restriction would be to impose a limit, say £40 a week, on the amount relieved of tax. This, with the basic rate restriction, would cut the value

to higher rate taxpayers to £10

week (25 per cent of £40). A third option would be to offer a flat-rate subsidy to employers for each childcare place provided. This would help non-taxpayers and those who could not afford £40 a week, but not those without workplace facilities.

A fourth option would be vouchers for all with pre-school children to help pay for workplace care, care else-where or paid care at home, helping non-taxpayers, and those without workplace facilities, as much as those with.

There are 3.5 million underfives. Vouchers of £10-a-week. if all used, would cost almost £2 billion, enough to cut income tax to below 24p.

A rather different option would be to increase stateprovided nursery education.

Making it easier for mothers to rejoin the labour force is worthy, and, with the prospect of labour shortages, may be vital. Blanket tax relief is the least attractive method.

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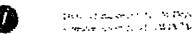
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Reduced profits at Olivetti 'likely to cut dividends'

Officenti, the Italian computer manufacturer, says it is likely to cut its 1989 dividends because of reduced profits.

results after an April 27 board meeting, but said yesterday that "the dividends probably will be lower."

Signor Vittorio Cassoni,
Olivetti's managing director,
said that profits from the 18
largest American computer
makers had fallen by an
average of 45 per cent and average of 45 per cent and Olivetti would be near that average or slightly better.

In December Olivetti said it expected lower 1989 profits instead of stable earnings fore-cast a few months earlier in August. The group made net profits of 356 billion lire (£175 million) in 1988.

The company's 1988 divi-dends were L340 per ordinary and preferred share and 360 per non-convertible savings

It will release 1989 financial

turnover rose about 7.5 per cent to more than 1.9 trillion. expectations, but above the sector average," he added.

Olivetti ordinary shares moved with the overall downward trend on the Milan bourse yesterday, falling 1.20 in early trading to 1.6,290.

Commenting on the computer sector's prospects this year, Signor Cassoni said: "I believe that there will be a good earnings recovery in 1990 for some companies, including Olivetti. We have rapidly changed our product range and the client response

Only 6% take-up for Cityvision issue

with a 130 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £12.5 million, said that its £26 million rights

Of the 21.67 million shares sued in the one-for-six cash call at 120p, only 1.4 million, or 6 per cent, were taken up.

Cityvision shares, which fell from a high of 145p to just 106p after stock market turbulence in the immediate aftermath of the rights issue, were yesterday down lp at

The rights issue was fully underwritten by Hoare Govest, which has until 3.30pm

Cityvision, the fast-growing today to sell the remaining video rental group which last shares at a premium in the month beat City expectations market; after that the shares revert to the sub-underwriters.

Mr Keith Anderson of Hoare Govett, Cityvision's brokers, said he thought it unlikely the shares would be sold at 120p by this afternoon.

He blamed the low response - one of the poorest ever - on both stock market turmoil in late February and "unfounded rumours" in early March that Mr David Quayle, formerly of the B&Q do-it-yourself chain, who joined Cityvision as chairman in 1986 when the shares were at just 20p, would be leaving to join TVS as Manufacturing roars back



Times (Britain's Lost A Battle) suggested that "overseas markets have been lost to competitors, and that whole industries have virtu-

How do these assertions square with the facts? Poorly, I

 Manufacturing export volumes in January were 40 per cent up on the average for 1985. The increase was 46 per cent for motor cars, 65 per cent for other consumer goods and 61 per cent for capital goods. And January was a month when there were several industrial disputes in the engineering industry.

• For the three months ending in January, UK manufacturing exports rose nearly twice as fast as world trade. Britain's volume share of world manufactured exports is, in fact, rising. We export more per person than Japan. The prices of manufactured goods leaving our factories are rising at only about 5 per cent - nearly in line with the situa-

tion in most competitor

After a series of articles in The Times on the state of British industry.

John Banham, director general of the CBI, responds with a

personal view countries. The rate of increase

has been constant for over a

•Manufacturing output is higher now than it has ever been; for the last quarter of 1989, it was 13 per cent above the comparable quarter a de-

 Statistics on corporate earnings, investment, productivity, innovation and employ-ment tell a similar story; the supply side improvements of the last five years are no

Indeed, the recent record of

industry after industry is one of which we can be justly proud — steel, petro-chemi-cals, plastics, information technology, pharmaceuticals, serospace, automotive engineering, electronics (and the list goes on and on). World-class men find Britain au cacellent place to produce the goods that the world wants to buy. How many know that the structural steel in many highrise buildings in San Francisco came from Cleveland, in the North-east of England, not Eventually, he bought the Company, which was losing



Best of British: John Banham, left, cites Ron Garrick, top, of Weir, and Tim Kelleher, of Verson transformed, as passengers on £3.2 million on a turnover of international leader for relia-£6.4 million and transformed British Airways or users of British ports will attest. it into a world leader in a giobal market created by its

£2.5 million last year.

company which had been one

to feel the chill winds of re-

cession. Two years earlier, the group had an £8.3 million loss

(£10 million after tax), and had to slash nearly 3,000 jobs,

a third of its total workforce.

He instituted major econo-

mies and introduced products, including a new design for the company's barrel casing boiler

feed pump, which indepen-dent tests have shown to be an

And there is no shortage of anecdotes to flesh out the bare statistics. In a recent threeweek tour of major export markets in the Middle and Far East, I received not one single complaint about quality, price, delivery or service provided by British firms.

All this has been made possible by the efforts of men like Ian Harris, chief executive of the Bonas Machine Company of Gateshead, who was once a high-flier with a multi-national computer company. He rejected a senior management position in America to join Bonas, a small firm, going through a difficult phase, producing weaving machinery.



bility. The group now sells 60 per cent of its products overseas in 40 countries. It is on the way to being fully auto-mated and a third of its machown technological innovation. Now, Bonas has more than trebled its sales and earned ining capacity involves the latest generation of sophisticated machine tools. The plant then there is Ron Garat Cathcart is producing the same amount of goods as at the start of the 1980s, with half rick. He took over in 1982 as managing director of the Weir Group, a

the employees. Here is another example: Tim Kelleher, chairman and chief executive of Verson International, specialist machinery makers, has turned half-a-dozen loss-making engineer-ing companies into a profitable group and is well on the way to achieving his ambition to become the largest producer of his own type of specialist machinery in the world.

panies - some of which had never before actively sold beyond British shores—out into export markets, which now account for 70 per cent of

He has a reputation for causing trauma in the com-panies he acquires. That is not surprising. People do not like change. But it is firms that

change with the times that succeed. Those that do not go Indeed, the fallacy in The Times series is the assumption that there are no business failures in a successful econ-

The reverse is the case The reverse is the case.
Bankruptcy rates in Japan are orders of magnitude higher than in the United Kingdom.
Only in the former command economies of Eastern Europe did maked to a Control of huminass. did nobody go out of business A market economy requires constant re-allocation of resources - from the less to the more successful.

Sustaining - let alone improving — our national living standards and quality of life will not be possible unless Britain remains a major mannfacturing nation. De-indus-trialization is simply not an

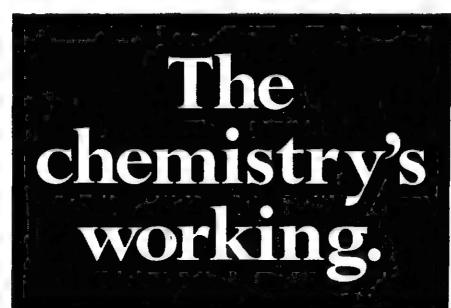
Good progress has been made in closing the gap with West Germany. Much - very much - remains still to be done, as the CBI has constantly emphasized. The key to the future lies in investment; in plant, machinery, products, innovation and particularly in people. Given the right policies in the decade that lies shead, encouraging saving not spending, owner-ship rather than speculation, manufacturing as well as services, investment rather than financial engineering - Brit-ain's manufacturing industry is well placed to become the success story of the 1990s.

But for that to be so, we

oining forces to create one of the world's leading health care companies is already proving to be a formula for success. Since

the merger, business momentum continues to be maintained. Trading profits for 1989 are higher than last year, with improved performances, particularly by the Phar-

maceuticals and Animal



1989 (UNAUDITED) RESULTS

	£ Million	\$ Million (a)	% Growth
Sales	4897	7906	+14
Trading Profit	818	. 1320	+12
Interest (b)	(102)	(165)	_
Profit Before Taxation	72 4	1168	+3

(a) The US dollar \$1.6145 to £1 conversion appears solely for the convenience of US shareholders (h) Higher interest charge reflects changes in the capital structure following the merger. Stock Exchange Listing-/Symbols. London A Ordinary Shares: SB.A. Equity Units: SB.E. New York A Ordinary Share ADRs: SBH. Equity Unit ADRs: SBE.

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James Capel tops Wall Street broker league

French equity dealing from New York, Banque Paribas

had a 47 per cent market share, followed by Warburg

(36 per cent) and James Capel

sales from the United States

showed James Capel pulling

ahead of New York-based

Both had a 64 per cent

The top five ranking for

recutions in New York were:

James Capel, Morgan Stanley,

Baring Securities, Goldman

BZW improved sharply

Sachs and Merrill Lynch.

Total international equity

(21 per cent).

James Capel is the top inter-national stockbroker on Wall Street, according to a confidential report by Greenwich

The financial services consulting firm's survey also reports that London stockbrokers took market share last ear from the big US houses.

The report, a copy of which Morgan Stanley. has been obtained by The Times, is the result of interviews with 108 institutional

United States.

The top five brokers in New York for British shares were; James Capel, BZW, Warburg Securities, Kleinwort Benson and Goldman Sachs.

London brokers were also among the best performers for European equities, although in each case the country specialist dominated. In from 40 to 49 per cent ratings. Smith New Court, Swiss based

Securities followed Hoare Govett was one

the few London firms to drop back, falling from a 50 per cent rating to a 42 per cent ranking, finishing in 13th place overall. Senior staff from the firms

involved declined to comment because they are Greenwich clients and signed a confidentiality agreement on receipt of the survey.

The slip in rating points by most of the top US houses can be explained by the slump in world equities markets which has led fund managers to rating in 1989 but in the 1990 poll Capel scored 64 per cent evert to market specialists rather than all-purpose

More innovative sales techniques, like soft dollar deals where a broker supplies services like computer software free of charge in return for brokerage commissions, also came to the fore.James Capel topped the international bro-kers in New York using soft dollar deals after a rapid



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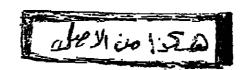
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Lambert Howarth Group, the footwear and luggage group, is back in the black with a pre-tax profit of £3.27 million in the year to end-December, against a £615,000 loss.

Earnings per share are 38p. against a 5.8p loss. The final dividend is raised to 7p (6p), making 10p (8.5p). Group turnover edged ahead from £44.3 million to £45.8 million.

Wool exports

Wool textile exports rose by 9 per cent in January to £51.9 million, £4.3 million more than the same month last year. Exports to the European Community at £12.6 million were up 3.3 per cent, while £24 million went to the rest of the world, a rise of 8.6 per cent.

Whitegate buy Whitegate Leisure has ex-

panded its ten-pin bowling activities with the acquisition of premises in Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire; Roth-erham, South Yorkshire; Perry Barr, Birmingham, and Shrewsbury. The total outlay is about £2.1 million.

Bid cleared

The purchase of Coates Brothers by Orkem, the French state-owned chemical firm, had been cleared by the Department of Trade and industry. Its 470p-a-share agreed bid was declared unconditional in November.

Sterling sold

Triplex Lloyd has acquired Sterling International Technology from Blue Circle for a

Wickes expands despite slowdown in housing

Wickes, the DIY and buildings material group, is expanding in the UK and the Continent despite the slowdown in the housing market. This year the group will open 18 stores, taking the total number to 94. The group's first French store opened this

Pre-tax profits for 1989 rose 134 per cent to £38.1 million on sales of £683 million up from £361 million. Earnings per share rose 24 per cent to 20.2p and the dividend for the year is up 14 per cent at 4p.

Pre-tax profits include the first full year of trading from Hunter Timber, Wickes' £283 million acquisition in Septem-ber 1988. Hunter contributed about £17.5 million of profits and on a pro-forma basis pretax profits rose 24 per cent last

Property development profits rose from £1.02 million to £3.05 million in 1989 and there is a £1.7 million extraordinary cost associated with the closure of Wickes's hire

Mr Henry Sweetbaum, Wickes's chairman and chief executive, says that although the building market declined during 1989, Wickes responded early to the change in conditions. The company's outlets which supply the housing market in the south are suffering most. However, he says: "We have a good spread of business and our stores on the Continent are doing very nominal consideration of £1. | well". Thirty of the group's 76



Planning an 18 store extension to his business: Henry Sweethaum, Wickes's chairman

stores are in Belgium and Mr Sweetbaum says the Hunter business has performed up to expectations despite the closure of some businesses and the loss of 800 jobs last year. A further 200 redundancies have been made this year. Borrowines have been reduced by £100 million to about £150 million.

Malden Timber has been formed into a national chain of 122 specialist timber and joinery centre and now functions as part of the Wickes retail group with integrated purchasing and product

Mr Sweetbaum says the

company is targeting the 35 to until mid-1991. The profit 50-year-olds who have lower improvement plan which we mortgages and higher disposable incomes than younger age groups. Sales of conservatories have been particularly successful among this group with 8,000 sold last year, 75 per cent up on 1988.

Seven new UK Wickes stores are planned for this year along with seven Continental Wickes and four Malden Timber Centres. Five new Wickes were opened in the UK last year and three were opened on the Continent.

Mr Sweetbaum is cantious about 1990, "For our own plans we are assuming no improvement in the economy

improvement plan which we adopted following the acquisition of the Hunter Group enabled us to accommodate interest and inflation rates, the slowing of consumer demand and the collapse of the new

housing market.
"While these influences remain, the effects are bound to adversely impact our business during 1990. We will, however, continue to rationalize operations and reduce costs in order to counteract these factors and create substantial future benefits," he says. Shares in the group rose 1p

Salaries soar for chemical engineers

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

Salaries of professional chartered chemical engineers have increased 22 per cent in two years, showing a median increase to £26,900 from the 1988 level of £22,000.

Chemical engineers are Britain's highest paid group of professional engineers. The rises compare with average UK earnings increases since 1988 of 18.9 per cent.

Shortages of chemical engineers are a key influence behind salary increases, said the Institution of Chemical Engineers (ICE), which has just completed its biennial survey* of members' salaries. Chemical engineers can

look forward to greater benefits, according to Dr Trevor Evans, ICE general secretary. He said: "We expect a widening of the differential throughout the decade as demo-graphic changes begin to bite and European recruiters cast their eye on Britain's chemical engineer output."

The top 10 per cent of chemical engineers can expect median salaries this year of £43,700, a 27 per cent increase

over 1988. A chartered member of the ICE aged betwen 25 and 29 earns £19,600, compared with an equivalent but non-chartered chemical engineer who would be getting £16,900, producing a differential of £2,700 in favour of the chartered engineer.

ICE 1990 Salary Survey: £50 from ICE, 161-171 Railway Terrace, Rugby.

Disney to develop US shopping mall

Walt Disney, the animated suggestions that Harrods, film and theme park com-pany, has disclosed details of a multi-million dollar diversifi- the former transatlantic liner, ment with the construction of Florida, but Disney has dea 1.5 million sq ft covered nied this is planned. shopping mall in Florida - the largest in the state.

The shopping mail, to be called Disneyville, will be 6,000 executive homes start-built on 4,000 acres of uning at \$90,000, 2 million of developed land between Or- light industrial office and lando and Tampa and will take 25 years to complete.

The finished mall will house the equivalent of 30 of Britain's biggest supermarkets and ment stores and specialist shops. There have been

which now has a shop on the Walt Disney-run Queen Mary, cation into property develop- would be among the first into

Officials in the Florida county of Osceola say Disney told them it also plans to build manufacturing space, and two golf courses.

Disney, which is soon to open a theme park in Paris, has refused to confirm plans will cater for exclusive depart- to build 7 million sq ft of ment stores and specialist office space, the equivalent of 10 35-storey office blocks.

Indemnity reports surge in bankruptcy

Trade Indemnity Group, Brit- Indemnity's insurance book am's largest credit insurance company, saw a 21 per cent rise in bankruptcies in 1989, and says the rate is continuing to increase this year.

The company reports pre tax profits for 1989 of £17.2 million, up 36 per cent. The premium total climbed 13 per cent to £98.6 million, while there is a final dividend of 1.22p, making 1.9p for the year, up 36 per cent.

Mr Richard Duggan, managing director, said the economic uncertainty had made more companies take out trade credit insurance, and

has grown from £34 billion to

As a result of the increased demand and higher failure rate, premium rates are hardening, particularly in the textile and construction sectors. Last year Indemnity won £13 million of business from new clients, and saw record new business levels at the start of this year.

The group's other main business, H&H Factors, where it took a 50 per cent stake for £6.25 million at the start of last year, contributed £1.4 million to profits.

Virgin is nearer to Australian flights

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Virgin Atlantic Airways, the open a third Virgin Megastore cut-price airline, has won the said that Virgin's entry would first round in its plan to start flights between Britain and Australia, pitting it against the national carriers British Air-

ways and Qantas Airways. Mr Richard Branson, Vir-gin's chairman, said that the British Government had licensed Virgin to fly to Sydney, Molbourne, Perth and Adelaide, although regular flights were unlikely for at least a year. Virgin still needed Austraises approval of the routes.

Talks planned for this week had to be postponed because of the Australian general election. Virgin now hopes that they will take place in a couple

said that Virgin's entry would break the Qantas-BA monopoly blamed for high fares and flat business on the route.

"We believe that our service, or a service like us, is needed in Australia," Mr Branson said. "I do not think that Qantas will suffer. I think the market will expand as a result of extra competition."

The fares would depend on how many "slots", or flying schedules, Virgin was awarded by the Australian government. "As long as we get a daily service, we should be able to

bring fares down by about 25 per cent," he said. The service will require Mr Branson, in Sydney to Boeing 747s.

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RESULTS FOR 1989					
	1989 &m	1988 £m			
Turnover	9,085	5,706			
Trading profit	441	360			
Profit before taxation	333	259			
Shareholders' funds	2,380	2,198			
Earnings per share – Net distribution basis					
- before exceptional items	63.4p	62.0p			
- after exceptional items	82.8p	62.0p			
Ordinary dividends per share	22.7p	20.6p			

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Dealers say a few cheap buyers

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Looming Budget slows trading

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ket remained at low ebb with the thoughts of most most fund managers fixed firmly on Tuesday's Budget.

An early mark-up of shares was prompted by news of a large buying order from New York. Battery March, an in-dependent fund manager which operates its own overnight screen trading system, was attempting to execute large buying orders in at least 17 British stocks.

These included Boots, up 5p at 263p, Storehouse, 3p better at 119p, Sears 0.5p firmer at 99.5p, Amersham Inter-FKI, 2p dearer at 68p, and FR Group, 1p heavier at 165p.

A few institutions also decided to test the water and pumped some money back 30 per cent rise in pre-tax into the market with selective profits to £333 million. The purchases. But the best rises of the day were not held with prices boiling over after an uncertain start to trading on

The FT-SE 100 index lost an early lead of almost 14 points to finish the session only 1.6 up at 2,226.1 on low turnover of 376 million shares. The narrower FT Index of top 30 shares rose 3.0 to

Government securities spent a volatile session but managed to close with gains stretching to £½ at the longer

Among the leaders, Glaxo hardened 6p to 735p ahead of interim figures today. Grand

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Metropolitan firmed 4p to 558p with brokers reflecting favourably on the Elders brewery/public house swap

Rank Organisation jumped 13p to 767p, cheered by some bullish comments at the annual mmeting. The group plans to spend a further £280 million on expansion this year, excluding a number of medium-sized acquisitions.

ICI hardened another 3p to £11.04, with dealers still claiming the group is close to placing its 25 per cent holding in Enterprise Oil. Enterprise, with figures due today, fell 8p to 613p hit by bearish comment from UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker.

British Aerospace cheered the market with news of a near share price responded with a rise of 20p to 505p as almost 3.5 million shares were traded. But BTR slipped 7p to 415p despite turning in profits of more than £1 billion for the first time. Pre-tax profits for 1989 climbed from £820 miltion to £1.08 billion.

Smith Kline Beecham dropped 15p to 515p after reporting a rise in full-year profits from £703 million to £724 million and unveiling details of a £500 million restructuring programme. An-alysts were downgrading their profit estimates for the current year after meeting the company. Hillsdown Holdings, the

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food to furniture group, also fell 7p to 246p despite another issues. big dividend increase. Fullyear figures up from £150.9 million to £195.6 million were in line with market expectations but only after including a £10 million pensions holiday.

Thorn EMI, the technology and leisure group, surged 26p to 717p as worries about a possible fund-raising excercise, which had been overhanging the shares for several weeks, faded. There had been intense speculation that the group was about to pay \$700 million for Geffen Records, the last of the big independent US music

The news that MCA Inc has agreed to buy Geffen was greeted with relief in London where dealers point out that Laura Ashley, the troubled the current mood of the womens wear and soft

Polysourca Saga Gp (130p) Sutton Water TR High Inc (520p) Willshire Brew (70p)

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institutions to take up rights Thorn has always refused to

comment on the speculation. but Geffen has made no secret of the fact that it has had talks in the past with Thorn.

Kunick, the USM-quoted leisure and care services

group, held steady at 65p. The group is joining the big board via an introduction sponsored by Samuel Montagu, the mer-chant bank, and Pannure Gordon, the broker. Newcomer Midland Radio,

the independent broadcasting company, lost an early lead to close unchanged at 164p. Crown Communications has bought a further 365,030 shares raising its total holding to 2.79 million, or 21.32 per cent of the issued share cap-

Laura Ashley, the troubled market makes it difficult to get furnishings group, rallied

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Nikkei in fall after zigzag session

Tokyo (Renter) - Share prices closed broadly easier, but off their lows, in modest trade after zigzagging for much of the day.

Much of the selling pressure was futures-related with arbitrageurs unwinding cash index

Tokkin, or special money trusts, sold domestic demand linked and other stocks in advance of their trading settle-

ment today, brokers said.
"The trend is downward," said one foreign broker. The Nikkei index dropped 268.44 points, or 0.82 per cent, to 32,352.13 after plung-

ing 747.66 on Tuesday. The index rose 141.24 points soon after the morning opening but then started a decline that was broken periodically by index-linked buy-

fitters heightened as the to 175p, Wessex 4p to 174p, and Yorkshire 2p to 179p. The water package rose £30 to Nikkei sank below the previous 1990 traded-low of 32,443.18, which it hit on February 26.

Some traders said market

de Groot 3p to 45p. The Turnover was a thin 480 million shares against 400 Wilton Group has bought million on Tuesday. mother 3.65 million shares at Market capitalization slip-57p each from the family trust of Mr Jonathan Samuelson,

ped below 500,000 billion yen (£3,300 billion) for the first time since last May, while the TOPDX index fell to its lowest level since March, 1989. Johannesburg — The mar-ket closed firmly in a positive

response to the South African budget. The JSE overall share index rose to a preliminary close of 3,283 against 3,260, the all-gold index to 2,042 from 2,006 and the industrial index to 2,990 from 2,976. index closed 4.64 points lower

resignation of Herr Wolfgang Schnur, an East German political leader, unsettled the market shortly before the official close.

 Hong Kong - Share prices ended easier in healthy turnover. The Hang Seng index fell 6.39 points to 2,881.23 and the broader-based Hong Kong index 2.9 to 1,894.23.

• Sydney — The All-Ordinaries index lost 1.9 points to end at 1,558.7, while the All-Industrials index gained 2.2 points to finish at 2,400.0. ● Singapore — The Straits Times index shed 0.87 of a point to close at 1,564.81 in quiet trading.

WORLD MARKETS

Bond prices help Dow

New York (Renter) - A re-bound in US bond prices, after Dow Jones industrial average sharp losses on Tuesday, was up 11.49 points at helped blue chips stage an 2,686.04 in early trading. Adeniy rally. Traders said buying in technology issues also shares by about five to four,

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Chancery Division

Problem of homelessness definition

Tower Hamlets Loudon Bor-

each Council Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Nolan [Judgment March 12]

Where a council had decided that an applicant for housing had become homeless in-tentionally, it was open to another council to find that the applicant's homelessness was unintentional but it was not remonable for the second coun-cil to refer the applicant back to the first council under section 67(2) of the Housing Act 1985 first council's conclusion that the homelessness was

visional Court so held in grantvisional Court so held in grant-ing an application by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for the quashing of a decision by the London Bor-ough of Newham to refer Mr Rashid Ullah to them for rehousing as a homeless person.

Section 67(2) of the 1985 Act provides for referral of a homeapplicant nor any person who might reasonably be expected to reside with him has a local connection with the district of

ment and any extension.

robbery for which he was sen-

tenced to five years

Lord Campbell of Alloway,

QC and Mr Peter Spink, as-

signed by the Registrar of Crim-inal Appeals, for the appellant;

Mr Edmund Lawson, QC and Mr Stephen John for the Crown.

ing the judgment of the court, said that the appellant was

committed for trial on March

31, 1988 - so that, in accordance

with the provision of rule 5(1) of the Indictments (Procedure) Rules (SI 1971 No 2084) as substituted by rule 2 of the

Indictments (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules (SI 1983

MR JUSTICE OTTON, giv-

reasonably be expected to reside with him has a local connection with the district of that other

Mr Ashley Underwood and Miss Lucy Theis for Tower Hamlets; Mr David Watkinson MR JUSTICE NOLAN said

Tower Hamlets had rejected an application by Mr Ullah for housing for himself, his wife and four children on the basis that he had made himself intentionally homeless by leaving his accommodation in

Mr Ullah then applied to the London Borough of Newham, which provided him with tem-porary accommodation and carried out its own investigation into his application.
Newbarn concluded, like
Tower Hamlets, that he was
homeless and had a priority

need for accommodation but it was not untisfied that he became homeless intentionally. On that basis he and his family were entitled to permanent accommodation. Newturn also decided that Mr Ullah had no local connection

with Tower Hamlets, where his daughter lived. Accordingly Newham referred Mr Ullah back to Tower Hamlets.

Mr Ullah's application, Tower Hamlets would be obliged to house him permanently not-withstanding its earlier concluintentionally homeless.

Tower Hamlets sought an order of certionari to quash the decision of Newham that Mr homeless or alternatively to quash Newham's decision to refer his application to Tower

Miss Ratchford, Newham's senior homelessness officer, had concluded that it was not reasonable for Mr Ullah and his family to continue to live in the family to continue to live in the family home in Bangladesh, which was built of tin and galvanised iron and had three rooms. Cooking at the Bangladesh home was on a wood fire and lighting by kerosene. Water was obtained from a pond.

Miss Ratchford's view, which was accepted by Newham's housing subcommittee, was that although there were bousing problems in the borough few local families lived in the kind

There was high authority for making such a comparison and his Lordship did not accept the automission on Town Hamlers

Signing bill of indictment Regina v Stewart

No 284), that the bill of indiction at that stage applied for leave to ment "shall be preferred within a period of 28 days commencing sign it out of time. The judge

with the date of committal," the relevant date was April 27.

The combined effect of paragraphs (2) and (3) of rule 5 was that the chief clerk of the court (like the judge) could, of his own validors extend the time for [Judgment March 9] The fondamental distinction be-tween the preferment of a bill of indictment and the signing of the bill which converted it into an indictment was emphasized by the Court of Appeal in a preferment, in their Lordships judgment, "before or after" the expiry of the initial period of 28 days, and any period so extended could similarly be furreserved judgment when dismissing an appeal against conviction and stating that those responsible for indict-ments should consider adding the date on signing the bill and recording on it dates of preferther extended. Their Lordships were sat-

isfied that the bill was validly preferred on May 3, - under the "deeming" proviso to rule 4 - when the clerk had satisfied The appeal was brought by himself that a copy bill had been properly drafted in accordance 26, against conviction at Kingston upon Thames Crown Court (Judge Miller and a jury) of It became an indictment

when it was engrossed and, as their Lordships were satisfied. signed by the appropriate officer on May 23 and was "proceeded with accordingly," under sec-tion 2(1) of the Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Pro-visions) Act 1933 and 2(2) as amended by section 5 of and Schedule 2 to the Criminal

Appeal Act 1964.

The case was listed for plea only on May 27, when the appellant pleaded not guilty and the case was listed for trial on July 25 but the jury had to be discharged the next day and the case was immediately transferred to Judge Miller's court. For some reason which was not quite clear, the prosecution

decided that the appellant had not suffered any prejudice and gave the requested leave, Lord Campbell suggested, and their Lordships thought cor-rectly, that that application was

unnecessary. It appeared to their Lordships, in the light of their findings, that it was based on a false premise, The situation in the appeal might not have arisen if, when the bill was signed, the date had been added. That would have

removed any uncertainty as to when it was signed and have shown that the bill of indictment had been signed before arraignment. It would also have been of

istance if the date of preferment and of the extension had been recorded on the bill. That would have assisted the prosecution and the defence when considering what applica-

tions, if any, were required.
Those responsible for indictments, in particular, appropriate officers of the court, should consider taking such steps in the future so as to avoid applications made on an erroneous basis. Their Lordships certified that

a point of law of general public importance was involved in the decision but refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords, Legal aid was granted to the appellant to petition the House. Solicitors: CPS, Kingston son because it ought to have been clear that Mr Ullah had left his accommodation in Bangiadesh with a view to living in Tower Hamlets, not Newham.

There was no suggestion that that Mr Ullah was not in-tentionally homeless in anticipation of the respon-sibility for housing him being transferred to Tower Hamlets.

The decision was not inponsible considerations, although the subcommittee should have had before it a copy of Tower Hamlets' reasons for rejecting Mr Ullah's housing claim.

There was no ground in law for quashing the Newham decision on unintentional

However, it could not be right for an authority in Newham's position to decide upon a referral, which after all was the operative decision so far as actual provision of bousing was concerned, without regard to the position of the authority to which referral was made.

Parliament could not have intended to give the applicant a right to accommodation to which he was not entitled on which he was not entried on direct application, and which stemmed from a wholly im-material consideration, namely housing conditions in Newham.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, agreeing, said that the legislation was most unsatisfactory, impos-ing almost intolerable burdens on local authorities and the taking of decisions by their officers which sometimes appeared, to the average person, an affront to commoon sense,

Referring to Miss Rauchford's decision about the Ullahs' accommodation in Bangladesh, his Lordship said that was a wholly different and foreign dard of accommodation might have been commonly regarded as fairly usual and acceptable.

There was no indication that Mr Ullah left it because it was

The average person would say "Of course they are intentionally homeless, they intentionally left accommodation to which they were accustomed because they wanted to

emigrate".

His Lordship might well have been led to conclude, if it had been necessary for the determination of the case, that the Newham decision as to "in-tentionally homeless" was Wednesbury unreasonable ([1948] 1KB 223).

He was certain that there was a need for a clear definition of

Gold Fields Mining & Industrial

Ltd v Same Before Mr Justice Scott [Judgment March 5]

Guidelines regarding applica-tions by dissatisfied taxpayers to require tax commissioners to incorporate further findings of fact in a case stated were laid down by the High Court. Mr Justice Scott, sitting in the

Chancery Division, set out the criteria in giving judgment dismissing a summons by the taxpayer companies, Consoli-dated Goldfields pic and Gold Fields Mining & Industrial Ltd. seeking to have a case stated by the special commissioners remitted for additional facts to be found. The taxpayer com-panies had requested the case so as to appeal against the commis-sioners' determination refusing their claims for first-year capital

Mr Andrew Park, QC and Mr David Goy for the taxpayer companies; Mr Christopher McCall, QC and Mr Alan Moses

MR JUSTICE SCOTT #16 that the relief sought was described by Mr Park as "un-usual" and by Mr McCall as "wholly exceptional".

The matter grote out of a tax appeal to the special commissioners. Their determination was unfavourable to the taxpayer companies who had thus

dissatisfied with the findings of fact in that case and had applied by summons for it to be remitted to the commissioners

for further findings to be made.

To justify the procedure adopted by the taxpayer companies Mr Park had referred to Regina v Special Commissioner of Income Tax, Ex parte Emery ((1980) 53 TC 555).

Lord Justice Donaldson had said (at p556) that applications arising under the income tax.

Acts ought, generally speaking,
to be made to the appellate court
that would normally deal with
such matters rather than to the Queen's Bench Divisional

Hence in the present case the taxpayer companies had applied by summons in the Chancery Division for relief of a mandamus character that would in other contexts be sought by judicial review.

The jurisdiction of the court

arose under section 56 of the Taxes Management Act 1970. By subsection (7) the "High Court may cause the case to be

There was no reason why an application for such amendment should not, as here, be made in advance of the hearing of an appeal proper. The tax-payer companies had adopted a sensible and correct procedure.

By section 56(1) a party "if dissatisfied with the determination as being erroneous in point of law, may declare his dissatisfaction to the commissioners who heard the appeal".

The words "as being erro
The words a discretionary jurisdiction.

Parties were not entitled to

challenge the factual findings of the commissioners unless they were perverse and such that no reasonable tribunal properly directing itself could have resched them. Thereapart the attack on anpeal had to be that the commis-

Challenging tax commissioners' facts

sioners had gone wrong in law. The findings of fact were, therefore, very important as constituting the basis on which the point of law would have to he argued.
Mr Park had submitted that it

was the duty of the commis-sioners to include findings on every point desired so be used by a party in support of an argument to be advanced on appeal.

If it was said, the commissioners failed to cover every point then the court should send

point then the court should send the case back to them for the requisite findings to be made. Further, Mr Park said, it was not for this court, not being the appellate tribunal before which in due course the appeal on the case stated would be heard, to from a view on the someone. form a view on the argument to

following principles applied:

1 The findings of fact were for
the commissioners. They could
not be instructed to find facts

#. nor as to the manner in which they expressed their findings; 2 The parties were entitled to expect that the commissioners would in the case stated make findings covering the matters which were relevant to the argoments advanced.

3 If a request was made for a

found in decided cases, the

case stated to be remitted for additional findings to be made or considered, the applicant had to show that the desired findings were (a) material to some tenable argument, (b) were at least reasonably open on the evidence that had been adduced, and (c) were not inconsistent with the finding or findings that had already been made.

Finally it should be added that the commissioners had to be protected from "nit-picking". If the case was full and fair in that its findings broadly covered the territory desired to be supplemented by the proposed additional findings, the court should be slow to send the case back — and particularly so if it appeared that the commissioners had had the proposed findings in mind when settling the final form of the case stated.

His Lordship then went on to Finally it should be added His Lordship then went on to

case should not be remitted for additional facts to be found. Solicitors: Freshfields; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Importance of good character in summing-up

[Judgment March 1]

Where the credibility of a defendant was a vital factor and he was a man of good character, he was entitled to say to the jury through his counsel, and to have it reflected in the summing-up of the judge, that he was a man of good character and was entitled to their assessment of his credibility in the light of that good character.

The Court of Appeal so stated in allowing an appeal by Marks Cohen against his conviction at Preston Crown Court on December 6, 1989 (Judge Jolly and a jury) on two counts of conspiring to obtain property by deception and obtaining property by deception on which he had received two concurrent sentences of 15 months morrisonment.

a need for a clear definition of intentionally homeless" and a the Registrar of Criminal Apreconsideration of the pro-visions which needlessly set two

course.

Solicitors: Mr A. R. A. Cannell, Tower Hamlets; Mr G. M. Curran, Newham.

LORD JUSTICE FARQUHARSON said that it ships that that had not been an adequate direction. It was not that the appellant was one of three men who had run a reasons.

Before Lord Justice Suppliers who were induced to sell goods to the business and who had consequently lost > [Judgment March 11] It was not enjoining the jury to take it into account at all, because the judge had used the words in so far as you do give it the fraud subsequently picked the appellant out on an identification parade.

The appellant denied that he

was involved when he was arrested. He admitted that he had been to the premises when he had made purchases and also that he had spoken by telephone to one of the men involved concerning the possible supply In dealing with character the judge told the jury: "So far as this defendant is concerned, you

have been told that he is a man of good character.
"I cannot tell you what weight
to give to that, but in so far as

you do give it weight, obviously you give it weight in his favour. It is right you should know this, as Mr Scarle rightly said. That does not entitle him to

an acquittal because we all start off with a good character in life. It is a good character and he is over 60 years of age." It had been conceded by the

The proper direction was that

The proper direction was that
the jury should give weight to
good character and the judge
should go on to explain in what
regard weight should be given.
That should be done in two
ways: first, by way of boistering
his credibility, as any man of
good character was entitled to
claim; and second, to establish
that because he had lived his life that because he had lived his life to the age he had, he was the less likely to commit a crime. Those features were made clear in the case of R v Bryant ([1978] QB

However, there had been two recent cases which had added considerable weight to the necessity of a judge giving the appropriate directions with regard to character.

The first of those R v Berrada (The Times February 20, 1989), where the appeal was allowed shinough it appeared that the question of the direction on

good character was only one of a number of grounds.

In the later case of R v Marr The Times June 14, 1989), Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, said: "The judge . . . was telling the jury what good character in

nowhere did she go on to say what good character can do. The two items which she should have mentioned were set out by Mr Justice Waterbouse in the case of Berrada,"

In the present appeal it was abundantly clear that the credibility of the appellant was vital. There was the evidence of the prosecution that the appel-tant was present participating in the conduct of the frandulent business, and it was his evident that he was never there, at any rate at those times when the business was being carried on.

Their Lordships came back therefore to the question of whether those matters: were sufficiently praye in the same of the judge's omission to deal with good character properly to say that the conviction was unsafe and unsatisfactory.

They were clearly of the opinion that because the appellant was a man of good characters. ter, because the essence of the dispute before the jury turned on his credibility the omission to deal with the question of good character in the way that was laid down in the authorities was such that the constitution outhit.

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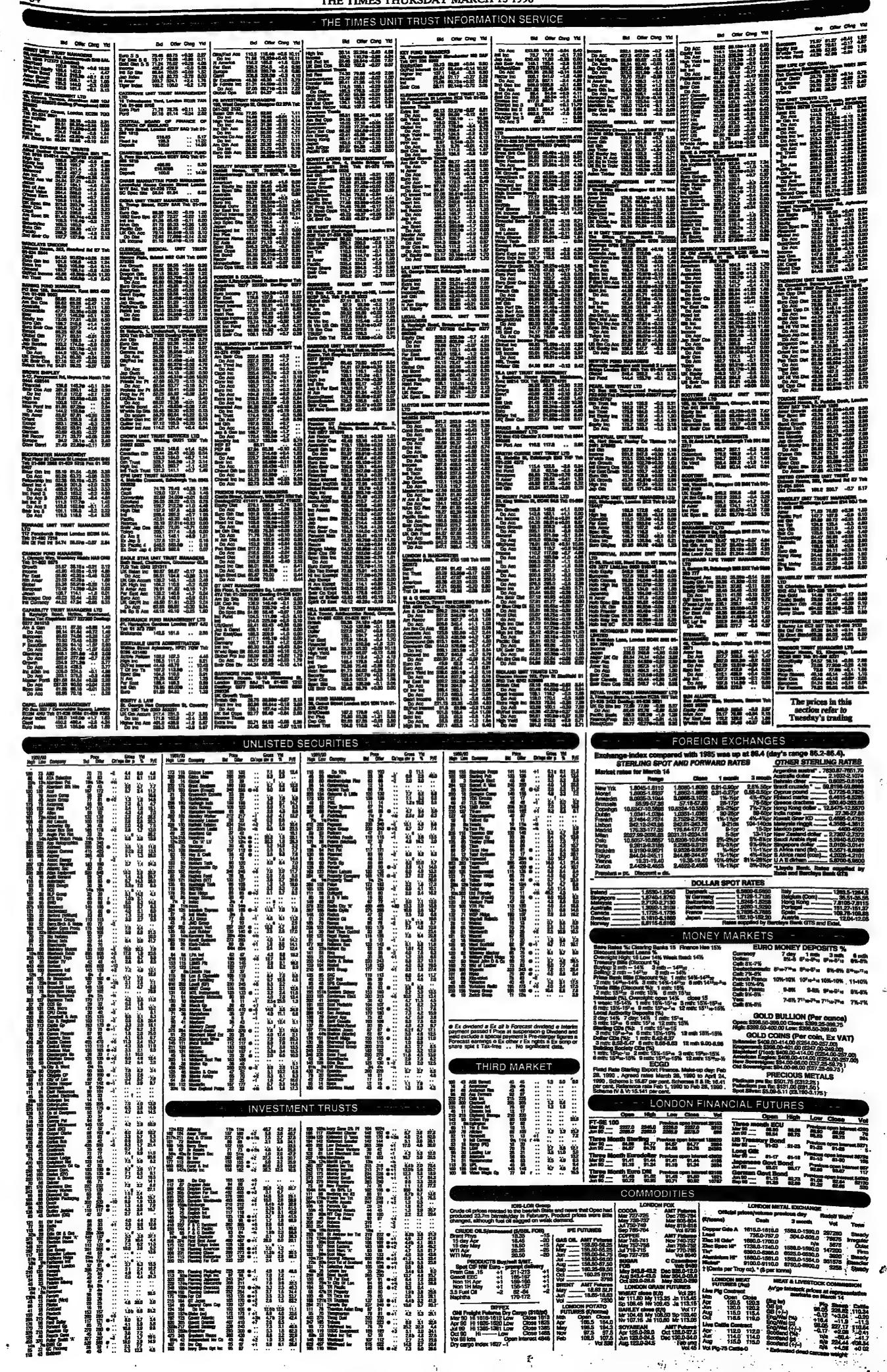
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We spend about 50,000 hours of our lives dreaming. Now scientists are unravelling their meanings, reports Thomson Prentice

To sleep, perchance to dream

ince the earliest awakenings of mankind, the mysteries of sleep and the riddles of dreams have been among the most intrigning, but least understood, aspects of life.
Slowly, however, their secrets

are beginning to be unravelled, offering fascinating insights into the workings of both mind and body. Researchers believe they are closer than ever before to im-portant advances in charting the "lost" hours that make up a third of our existence.

Two months from now, about 500 international experts will gather in Strasburg to pool their accumulated knowledge at the annual conference of the European Sleep Research Society.

Last week, Britain learnt a little more about the way we sleep and the dreams we dream. Dr Colin Shapiro, a senior lecturer in psychiatry at Edinburgh Univer-sity, and head of the sleep lab-oratory at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, published the results of a nationwide study involving almost 1,500 people.

*Considering that we spend a third of our lives asleep, and that we dream for a total of 50,000 hours in an average lifetime, there are still huge unknowns confront-

ing ns," he says.

Much is being discovered, however, as Dr Shapiro's work has helped to confirm. While newborn behies sleep as much as 16 hours a day, adults tend to sleep less as they get older, slipping below the average of about eight hours a

night.
Some evidence suggests that middle-aged women, especially those who have reared children, are more prone to disturbed sleep, and although the elderly appear to get by on less sleep, they tend to wake more often during the night.

Strentists are able to map the nesks and troughs of sleep, and trace the occurrence of dreams, with the use of the electroencephalogram (EEG), developed 50

The EEG, which records patterns of electrical activity in the and other monitoring at, are able to show the different types of sleep we experience. They can create a picture of what some researchers call the sleep staircase" down which we

descend every night. The first step is a transitional stage between waking and sleeping usually lasting a few minutes only, during which thoughts begin to drift and slow rolling-eye movements begin behind our eylids. The second step is light sleep. which accounts for about half the

The third step leads into deep sleep, when the EEG waves become larger and slower, heart-rate and blood-pressure drop, as does body temperature, and breathing slows. By the fourth and bottom step, beart-rate and blood-pressure reach their lowest level.

During the course of the night. we move up and down the staircase, periodically pausing at an important level marked by what is known as REM - rapid eye movement. In this phase, which may occur four or five times, the

and the movements can be monitored by an electro-oculogram. Researchers have shown that REM sleep, and non-REM sleep, are fundamentally different. It is during REM sleep that we are more likely to dream.

While the body sleeps, the brain continues working, stimulated by an increased blood flow towards it. One of its functions, particularly in childhood and adolescence, is to secrete from the pituitary gland growth hormone, which is essential for physical develonment

Countless important tasks are being performed, many of which we just don't understand but which have physiological and psychological significance," Dr Shapiro says.

For thousands of years, the importance of our dreams has been debated by philosophers and scientists, and more recently by psychoanalysts. According to Plato: "There exists in every one of us, even in some reputed most respectable, a terrible, fierce and lawless brood of desires, which it seems are revealed in our sleep."

Sigmund Freud believed that dreams had both an obvious significance and a deeper, latent meaning. Nietzsche said: "Either we have no dreams, or our dreams are interesting." He went on to argue: "Nothing contains more of your own work than your dreams. Nothing belongs to you so much." The molecular biologists Fran-

cis Crick and Graeme Mitchison described dreaming as a process of "unlearning" in which useless information is eliminated from the brain, "We dream in order to forget," they said.

orgotten dreams tantalize us all, but how long do they last, and why can we so seldom recall them? Dr Peter Hauri, a clinical psychologist and sleep researcher at Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, New Hampshire, beves we may have three or ever six separate dreams a night, during REM sleep phases.

"The dreams that accompany these periods seem to be truly forgotten, not just repressed. Apparently, during REM sleep, consolidation of short-term memory is impaired," he says. "To remember a dream, we must awaken directly from REM sleep, and then consciously think about the dream," Thus, people who say they never dream usually have fewer awakenings from REM sleep, he believes.

Dr Shapiro thinks we dream for about a quarter of our sleep as adults, each dream lasting perhaps 10 or 15 minutes, and that we dream much more in infancy.

Dr Alexander Borbely, director of the sleep laboratory at the University of Zurich, says: "Generally speaking, the world of dreams vanishes on awakening leaving a vague memory at most." Most of our dreams, he feels, are

dull and uninteresting, and it is only the most vivid or bizarre ones that linger in our memory. He also argues, from a review of recent research, that the content of our dreams is more likely to be

negative than positive. "Unhappi-

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seems to be the average, history has produced some notable excephours a night, observing that "only fools" needed more.

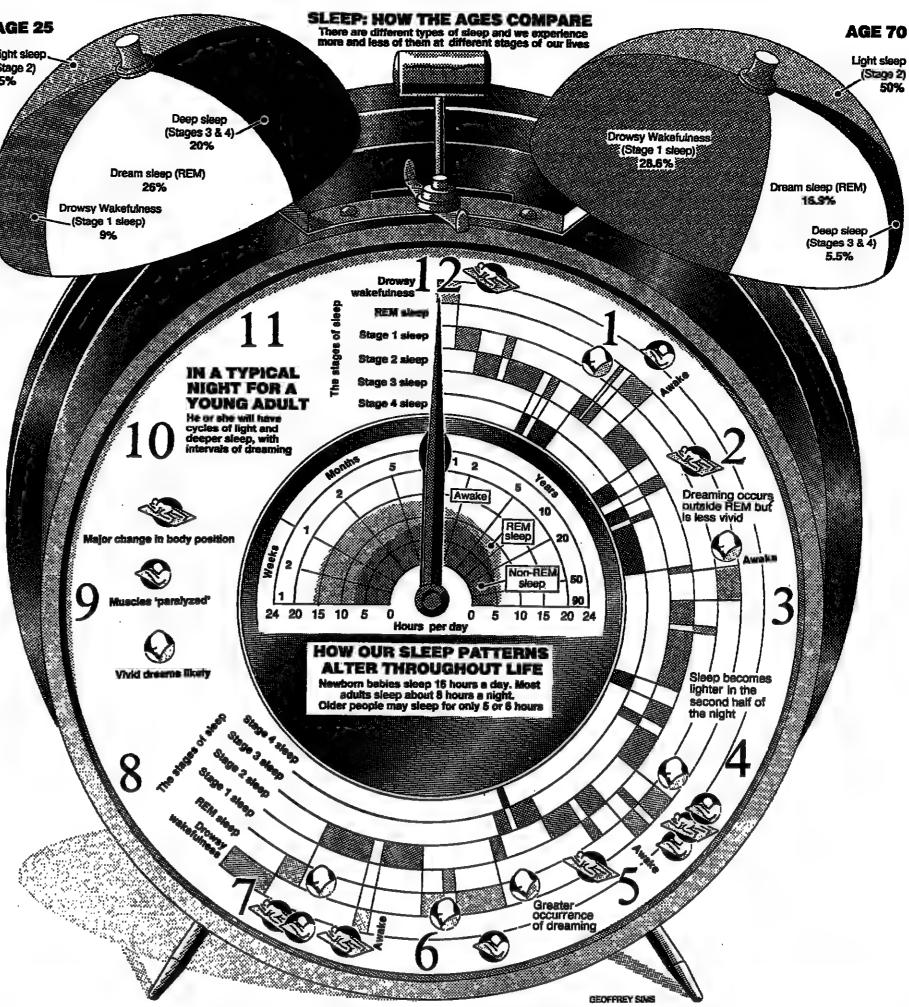
ir Winston Churchill managed with between four and six hours and Mrs Thatcher is another who needs comparatively little sleep. Albert Einstein, on the other hand, spent 10 hours in bed.

The lack of sleep can produce nightmarish results in real life. Dr Shapiro's co-researcher, Emma Fossey, has produced a study of the consequences of late-night fatigue among shift workers.

The Challenger space shuttle disaster in 1986 happened soon after midnight; the explosion at Chemobyl in 1986 took place at about 1,30 am and the accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear power station in 1979 happened just after 4 am.

"As we learn more about sleep we can help people to plan work schedules that are safer from

accidents," Dr Shapiro says. And the secrets of good sleep? Have plenty of physical exercise during the day, go to bed regularly at about the same time, have a comfortable bed in secure surroundings, avoid late-night alcohol, cigarettes and cafferne and hope for pleasant dreams.



ness, defeat and failure occur more often than contentment and success, and hostile and aggressive encounters are more frequent than friendly contact."

One American study showed that children dream of animals and of playing, as might be expected, but an interesting finding among those aged five and six was the difference between the dreams of boys and girls. While girls' dreams were more likely to be pleasant and to have "happy endings", the boys' dreams were unhappier and contained conflicts.

Dr Borbely says that contrary to common assumptions, most children's dreams are not disturbing or frightening, although the youngsters are likely to experience occasional nightmares that will

wake them up. He and Dr Shapiro share the view that adult nightmares are more likely to occur in the second half of the night, and are quite different from night terrors, which strike earlier in the night and in which the sleeper awakes, often sweating and breathing rapidly,

"We cannot tell the content of a person's dream from an EEG monitor," Dr Shapiro says. "The sensors tell us when a dream is taking place, but there is nothing on the graph to show whether it is

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Sweet dreams: De Colin Shapiro, lecturer in psychiatry and head of the sleep laboratory at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, with a patient

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Record-breaking CDs

ruption, coupled with a way to make the sound "warmer", are two of the changes planned to improve this increasingly popular product. More than 50 million players have already been sold world-wide and disc sales are running into billions every year. As well as better sound quality, longer playing times and moving digital video pictures, some discs will allow users to mix sound, pictures and graphics in an infinite number of ways. Consumers will be able to use the discs to play sophisticated computer games, as an "electronic book" or to learn

how to cook or to repair a car. Some

CDs will be "recordable" so you can record your choice of music - and

perhaps even pictures - on a disc.

A new generation of CD players intended to improve sound quality - has just been announced, using a technique known as "high-speed hit processing". It was developed to answer complaints that digital sound is cold and clinical - a charge with which some companies secretiy agreed. That is why top-end analogue turntables, which play vinyl records, still sell in good

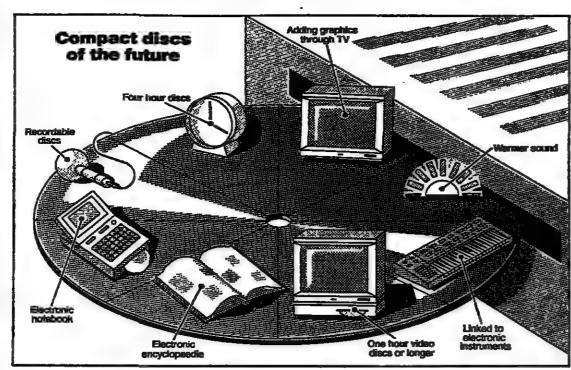
High-speed bit processing is claimed to make CDs sound warmer and more like LPs - but without the snap, crackle and pop that bedevils vinyl discs. The leaders in this field of technology are Philips, Sony and Matsushita responsible for the Panasonic and Technics brands. All these systems use special microchips to process the digital signal at great speed. This gives a more accurate copy of the original sound signal.

"It means we can almost re-create the sound produced in a studio or concert hall," says Alan Ainslie, Technics marketing manager. "It also adds warmth to the sound."

In another development, Nimbus Records, a British company, is developing a system called CD4X. which crams more information on a compact disc. CD4X discs contain four times more information than normal CDs, and can store four hours of audio or an hour of digital

In Japan, America and West Germany, consumers are already buying compact discs which contain music, text and graphics. The system, known as CD+G (CD graphics) or background video, puts teletext-type pictures on to a television screen and music through a hi-fi system. CD+G is really a new development of an old idea.

Compact disc manufacturers claim to have further improved their already successful products. George Cole tunes in to developments



of tiny pits which represent bits of data. Most of the data is used for music, but when the format was developed by Philips and Sony, about 3 per cent of the bits were put aside for graphics. CD+G never really caught on until JVC of Japan went into partnership with Warner New Media to produce CD+G hundware and software.

A growing number of discs are being specially encoded with graph-ics. CD+G players contain a special decoder which separates the graphics and feeds them to a television set. The graphics contain pictures, lyrics and artists' biographies.

It is also possible to put MIDI (musical instrument digital interface) codes on a CD+G disc. MIDI is a music industry standard that allows several or more electronic instruments to be linked together and controlled by a single machine. CD+MIDI discs let users play along to the music on disc.

One advantages of CD+G is that it is fully compatible with normal CD players, which simply ignore the graphics. This means that shops do not have to hold a double inventory not have to hold a double inventory of discs. And because the graphics falls foul of a split in television

are digital, discs can be played on any CD player throughout the

Many companies are rushing to develop CDs that will store moving video pictures. For the past 12 months, Philips and Pioneer have been promoting the compact disc video (CDV) format, which gives

'In the future. libraries will replace rows of books with small racks of compact discs'

six minutes of video with sound on a 5 inch disc.

But though CDV uses digital sound, the pictures are analogue. This is because converting video pictures into a digital code uses up a vast amount of data. Another snag is that the speed at which the data streams off a CD disc is too slow for normal moving video.

That is why CDV uses analogue

standards. As a result, a CDV disc made for the American market, which uses the NTSC television system, will not play on a European machine that uses PAL.

The goal is to put at least an hour of digital video on disc, allowing discs to be used world-wide. So far, four video CD systems are in the running. All of them work by compressing the video data so that more information can be squeezed on to a disc. Video CD players use decompression chips to re-build the video picture.

Next year, Philips will launch the first domestic compact disc inter-active (CD-I) players in Europe. CD-I discs are all-digital and contain a mix of text, data, sound, graphics and video. CD-I discs will come in many forms. For example, some will hold more than an hour of moving video with sound; others will store up to 16 languages on

The discs are interactive because users control how the data is presented. "In the Nineties, all data is going to be shifted, expanded, compressed and juggled about, because that is a feature of digital technology," says Eric Kingdon, Sony's technical information man-

eger and another CD-I supporter. CD-I players are really a CD deck and computer rolled into one box, but a buyer will not need to be a computer buff to use the system. The CD-I deck simply connects to a television set and hi-fi system, and is controlled by a series of on-screen menus which are selected with an infra-red handset. CD-I decks will also play normal CD discs.

CD-I discs will contain games.

"electronic encyclopaedias" and "how to" features. Discs will initially cost between £30 and £70.

Nimbus's joint managing direc-tor, Gerald Reynolds, thinks video compact discs could challenge the pre-recorded videotape market. He explains: "They will offer better quality and won't deteriorate like tape." TDK's technical manager, Martyn Williams, is not convinced. "Optical discs point to the firture," he says, "but videotane will last for at least another 40 to 50 years,"

Another type of disc, CD-ROM (read only memory) is already being used to store large amounts of data.
One 5 in disc can hold more than
250,000 pages of dense text. The
discs can also be adapted to store audio and graphics.

"In the firture, fibraries will replace rows of books with small racks of CD-ROM discs," Mr Kingdon says, "Students will read or learn from a disc by watching a flat TV screen or listening on headphones. Students will no longer have to lug bulky books about in a

ony recently demonstrated a prototype Data Discman, a CD-ROM drive about the size of a paperback and weighing about 1 lb. The drive takes 3 inch CD-ROMs, which can store about 100,000 pages

By far the most controversial development will be the recordable compact disc. Recordable CDs already exist, but are so far restricted to commercial clients, such as recording studios and radio stations. As with digital audio tape (DAT), the music industry fears recordable CDs because they could be used to make perfect copies of ordinary CD audio discs.

This year, electronics companies from Japan - which manufacture most of the CD hardware - and music companies from the West which make most of the music software - are holding a series of meetings to try to resolve the matter. The likely outcome will be a tax or levy on CD recorders and hlank discs.

SCIENCE TEPONY Frogs reveal true colours

he idea that animals may be coloured to blend in with their background and hide from predators is a familiar one, not least through the efforts of natural-history film-makers.

makers. But new results published in the latest issue of Func-tional Ecology (vol. 4, pp. 47-51) show that to consider only these colours that fall within the human visual range may give a misleading picture of animal camou-

In the United States, In the United States, Shares Energes and col-leagues from the University of Utah smiled the reflec-tion of light from the leaders of tree frogs from nine species, over a range of wavelengths. The

wavelengths. The calcur of any object depends on the wavelengths of the light rays it re-flects: the light reflected from frogs tends to have a wavelength of about 550 nanometres. This is "green" to the inman eye, so the

from me lavisibling lackground of leaves But the researchers for that five of the species reflected even more light at longer wavelengths, in-visible to humans. The other four species reflected this "near infra-red" light in similar quantities to the

In itself, this result is erenackable: it shows only that humans cannot see some species of tree frog "in their tree colours". But the frogs' near infra-red colorstien may actually be important in committee.

When the researchers looked at the may-infra-red colours of one of the frog species, Agaipcimir cal-lidrynt, and the leaves of a plant it inhabits in the wild, Anons spragnes, they found a very close matrix. The frog rould be difficult to distin guich for any predator with sear-infra-red vision. Although near-infra-red

vision has not been stadied in many freg predators, student at the University of Miami, has shown that birds of prey feeding on

at these wavelengths.

The behaviour of the frogs also suggested that the species with near-infra-red colours rely more on can flage rather than hopping away to protect the ai profesiore.

They spend most of their time motionless on leaf surfaces, and the five nearinfra-red frogs are ex-tremely difficult to dislocate. Even if approached closely, they just stay still, pretend-ing to be a leaf. The other species, in common with most frogs and toads, make a quick getaway if predators come too clave.

lafra-red color-ation provides a natural protection against overheating in the sun — nearly half the energy in sunlight is redicted to the mer-infra-red. But the researchers

vantage is incidental in the environments the frogs in-habit: camouflage is much

more important. Emerson and colleague believe that the infra-red coloration is an exam "convergent evolution", in which threatly related spe-cies coulve sheller estations to the same evolublem — in this case the need to avoid produtors

It seems that tree frogs have evolved two dif-ferent strategies to avaid becoming leach.

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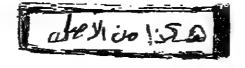
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major step towards the first use of gene therapy has been taken in the United States. The American National Institutes of Health has approved a proposal for treating children with a very rare disease by inserting new genes into their blood cells to replace defective genes.

The disorder, adenosine de-aminase deficiency, is more widely known as the "bubble baby" con-dition because the children have to live in a sterile plastic enclosure to protect them from infection.

The immune system of children with this defect fails to produce the protective substances that should defend them against even the simplest of organisms that can cause

The proposal by Dr D. W. French Anderson and colleagues from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute needs additional approval from other regulatory panels in the US before the clinical trials begin later this year.

The treatment involves removing from the patient the type of blood cells known as T-cells; the ones normally responsible for fending off infectious bacteria, viruses and other organisms. The T-cells would be grown in large quantities in the laboratory and modified by inserting healthy donated human genetic material into the defective cells,

The genetically engineered cells would then be transfused into the patient's blood stream, where they would be ready to stimulate the production of the enzymes that are missing in "bubble babies".

In principle, the gene replacement procedure should allow doctors to insert a variety of donated genetic

Giving hope to 'bubble babies'

Scientists in the United States are to treat children with a rare

disease by replacing their defective genes, Pearce Wright reports

known to have a genetic basis.

The illnesses need not necessarily be restricted to the well-known inherited and disabling illnesses like cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy and Huntington's disease.

A review of the latest medical Genetic Information: Science, Law and Ethics, suggests that genes play a significant role, together with environmental factors, in many of the common diseases heart disease, arthritis, asshma, various forms of arthritis, asthma, various forms of cancer and diabetes and a number

of psychiatric disorders.

In future it should be possible to treat people by genetic engineering to avoid the more common dis to which they might be constitu-

Yet the ability to conduct gene therapy depends on isolating the tive gene from the complete set of 50,000 genes contained in almost every cell in the body.

Detection of the faulty gene is needed for a precise diagnosis of the illness and for pinpointing the



whereabouts of the replacment donor gene that has to be extracted from healthy tissue, or perhaps synthesized in the laboratory. In practice, the errant gene has been found for only a handful of the

are believed to be caused by a single

gene therapy poses greater diffi-culties because scientists suspect that a large number of genes may be implicated in most of the diseases. But experts who contributed to the Human Genetic Information report, which is based on a symposium organized by the Cha Foundation, believe that the latest research is opening procedures for a degree of genetic intervention that has been regarded until recently as in the resims of science fiction.

The key which promises to unlock a bewildering future is the start of the Human Genome

project, the multi-million pound 20year international venture to pinpoint the whereabouts of each gene and to sequence each one. Outlining the need to examine the science, law and ethics of genetics,

Sir Gustav Nossal, the eminent immunologist and director of the Walter & Eizz Hall Institute of Medical Research, at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia, says the second half of the 20th-occ

He believes the perception of the medical scientist as a healer and heroic figure that began with anti-biotics and other wonder drugs and state thereign. other therapies, has changed.

har biology and genetic technology that began with Francis Crick and James Watson deciphering how the genetic code must be arranged every cell, has raised a mistrust in the public's mind.

Against that background the Ciba. Foundation invited an international group of lawyers, philos-ophers and theologians to join scientists in discussing the social and ethical issues In addition to specialists in the

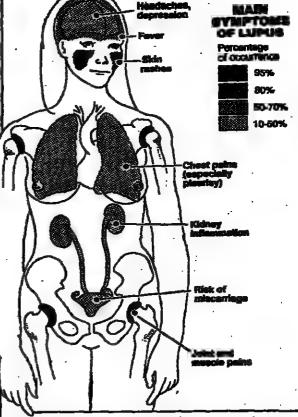
front line of medical research, it included Professor Bernard Willizms, the philosopher who joined the academic brain drain from Cambridge to California, who asked: "Who might I have been?".

Professor Max Charlesworth, of the School of Humanities, Deakin

University, Geelong, Australia, sug-gested that human genome analysis will profoundly affect our concept of what it is to be human. He maintains that genetic engineering "raises formidable ethical,

social and legal problems and we need to develop criteria to decide which kinds of genetic manipula-tion will enhance life and which will Mrs Diana Brahams, a barrister

of Lincoln's Inn, London, says legal debates are likely to focus on ownership of human genetic information, the patenting tech-niques to unravel it and the therapies and medicines developed



Recent tests by the Lapus Arthritis Research Unit at St Thomas's Hospital in London, have produced a wider understanding of a group of disorders known as Lapus, writes Pource Wright, which affects up to one in a 1,000 people, uninly women, between the ages of 16 and 45. The disease can include an allergy to many drugs and sensitivity to smillight and fluoreness in the sensitivity of the can be obtained through the Lapus Group of Arthritis Care, Dept PH, 5 Grouvenor Crescent, London SW1,

Clean-up by robots



uum cleaner has been developed to work in office buildings and industrial areas. Its inventor is a 26-year-old elec-

tronic engineering student in Canada. The machine is simply switched on and emits ultrasonic waves to calculate, among other factors, the distance between it and other objects. Vivek Burhanpurkar, the student, says his company, Cybervac, has a tentative order for 300 robots from an cleaning company, Hoden, which is testing the robot. The company, along with the National Research Council of finance the robot dev- quently than with elopment. However, home applications are ruled out both by the robot's price and its size. It costs £6,000 and is 3 ft high, 2 ft long and 2 ft wide.

A big Apple

Apple Computer is expected to announce on Monday a new and expensive version of the Macintosh computer. It current top model and cost more than £6,000. However, some analysts think Apple would do better by producing a very cheap version of the Macintosh to compete with the host of inexpensive IBMtype personal computers available. The company has recently introduced cost-cutting measures, including laying off 400 people in America. Two of its top executives have resigned in the past mouth.

Heart and mind

patients could be used as a treatment for senility, accordng to researchers at the North Western University Medical School, in Chicago. Professor John Disternoft and his colleagues at the school are ready to start testing the effects of nimodipine, a calcium antago-nist, on elderly patients. Experiments on rabbits have shown that the drug caused into their patients. Though aged animals to learn new not recognized as a medical chaviour as fast, or even faster, than younger ones, Professor Disternoft told the International Forum for the Evaluation of Cardiovascular Care at its meeting in Lisbon last week. The hope is that it may also boost the decaying learning ability of elderly people with symptoms of senility. However, the drug would not cure Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of senile dementia, but could help offset the worst symptoms of the disease, he

Sky high idea

Japan is considering building more than 3,000 heliports during the next 30 years in an attempt to eliminate traffic congestion. A plan has been developed by the Japan Helicopter Network, which is backed by 49 companies and

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which envisages an initial 600 beliports to be built over the next 15 years at a cost of £15 billion. The scheme, reported in the latest issue of Jane's Airport Review, would eventually ensure every city, town and village would have a landing area. Similar plans for America, and particularly Califoria, have not progressed because of opposition by local residents near potential heli-

Abortion study

A pharmaceutical company's study of the controversial French abortion pill, claims it Amsterdam-based contract is safe and effective. The study of more than 2,000 women in France who took the drug, RU486, showed a 96 per cent success rate, without causing Canada, put up £2 million to side effects any more freventional abortions. The study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, was conducted by the French pharmaceutical company, Roussel Uciaf, which developed the drug but sells it only in France. This is, in part, because of fierce opposition from anti-abortion groups. The drug works by blocking the Macintosh computer. It the hormone progesterone, will be twice as fast as the causing a fertilized egg to be

A safer time The symbolic

12 Doomsday

Clock, which

represents how lose the world to atomic destruction, has been moved back four minutes to stand at 10 minutes to midnight. This reflects the reduced tension between the superpowers. The clock first appeared on the cover of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists in June 1947 as a symbol of impending apocalypse. The clock was last moved in 1988 when it shifted back from three minutes to the hour, to six minutes to the hour. In

1953 it had stood at two

minutes to midnight after the

United States successfully tested the hydrogen bomb.

What a gas French doctors are manufacturing ozone and injecting it treatment by the French medi-cal establishment, about 300 doctors are said to be using the method, claiming that the gas can relieve stress, combat fatigue and stimulate the circulation. "It's like cocaine only much milder, it makes you feel tremendously energetic, happy and warm," cosmetic surgeon Paul Mummella He said there was no danger as long as it was administered correctly. Professor Pierre Cornillot, President of the Paris Nord University, said the gas was also a strong antiseptic and was used to treat soldiers' wounds in the First World was wary of its use for internal treatment. A single dose of ozone costs between £20 and

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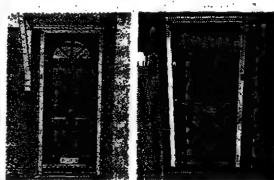
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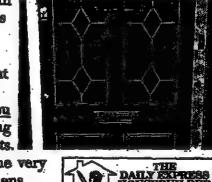




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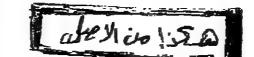
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Thomson Prentice on a remarkable operation in which a dog was fitted with contact lenses and its sight saved

Nice to see you again, vet

owner was even more pleased to be seen. A few days earlier the nine-Test-old crossbood and been almost completely blind after developing cataracts in both eyes.

However, in a remarkable operation performed by veterinary sur-geons in Edinburgh, her sight has been restored with the aid of plastic enses implanted into her eyes.

The work by veterinary ophthalcolleagues at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies at Edinburgh University is a great advance on existing techniq

The Edinburgh unit is the first in Britain to introduce the operation, which offers a greatly improved quality of life for the animal and uses 7mm leuses, beld in place by two fine spring-loaded arms inserted

Cataracts are a common cause of blindness in dogs and although they can be surgically removed the animal's vision renains seriously

"People suffering from the same condition can be given lens implants after a cataract operation and their sight is returned to normal," Mr Petersen-Jones says. "The same technique has not been applied to dogs until now because it requires skills in micro-surgery and expen-sive equipment which most British vets do not possess."

He studied the work of eye as at an Edinburgh bo where the operation is carried out regularly on human patients and visited a West German veterinary centre to learn the micro-surgical

Only a day after the operation, the

dog patients are able to see again and within a couple of days are able

"The improver impressive. We can carry out a series of tests such as putting the animal through an obstacle course to observe the benefits," Mr

he operation, however, may not be possible for all dogs A with cataracts because many have some other untreatable disea within the eye. The cost too - ahout £200 - will often put it beyond the me owners, but could be a

worthwhile investment if the archest is a working sheepdog or gundeg.
Cludy is simply a family pet, but her owner, Mrs Catherine Stanway of Edinburgh, says: "I thought there was very little that could be done for her. It's wonderful to have her recognize me again."



Deadly zebras of the deep

orth America's Great Lakes are under ecological attack from a tiny but tenacious British mollusc. The zebra mussel, or *Dreissena polymorpha*, is attacking some native species, snatching breeding and feeding grounds off others and threatening prized fish stocks.

In four short years the invader, common in the canals and streams of the Midlands and southern England, has sparked a national emergency after rampaging through thousands of miles of Lake Erie into Lake Ontario,

Last week, United States senators called for a multi-million dollar, government-backed programme to head off the estimated \$5 billion worth of damage expected if the mussel is left unchecked.

There is also increasing concern in Britain over the uncontrolled introduction of another species of foreign shellfish into estuaries. The manila clam is being promoted by the Ministry of Agriculture as a promising cash crop for the exotic seafood industry, but naturalists argue it is alien to British waters and threatens wildlife in areas like the

Under the 1981 Wildlife and Countyside Act, the introduction of alien species into the British environment is illegal. But manda clams are being exempted from

A British mollusc is rampaging through the lakes of North

America and threatening prized

fish stocks and drinking water

supplies, reports Nick Nuttall

these rules on the grounds that the clams are caged.

Michel Hughes, conservation of ficer with Devon Wildlife Trust, says this argument is "nonesense", as conservationists have found that the shellfish's sex cells are being released into waterways during the spawning season.

Despite Ministry assurances that the clams are incapable of breeding into colonies in Britain's cooler waters, new evidence has now emerged to the contrary, he says. "We know that the creatures can reproduce at a temperature of 14 degrees centigrade and that in 1989 the surface water temperatures in



southern Britain exceeded 20 degrees in the south west."

Mr Hughes is calling on local authorities to excercise laws under the Town and Country Planning Act which, he claims, would make the manila cages illegal.

Certainly the United States is taking the mussel threat extremely seriously. Apart from senators' calls for eradication funding and tough new laws governing the introduction of new species, worried water supply and power generation com-panies have launched their own studies to try and identify ways of

coping with the marine menace.

The mollusc has been infesting

drinking water supplies and water cooling pipes, forcing some stations to shut down for several days and others to reduce electricity output.

"It is believed that by the turn of the century every freshwater lake in most of North America will be infected up into southern Canada and down into the middle and southern United States," says Jo Szwejkowaki, a senior biologist at Centerior Energy Corporation in

Zebra mussels are common throughout eastern, western and northern Europe. Why they have reached plague proportions in the London Zoo spokesman said it could be because of a variety of factors, including water conditions, a lack of natural pests or a balance

of predators.

The animals, measuring around one and-half inches long and coloured pale olive to a shade of yellow, have distinctive zig-zag lines across the shells. American biologists believe the creatures got into the Great Lakes area in 1986. It is thought that several were stowaways on an unidentified freighter which, after sailing from somewhere in Europe, dumped water ballast into a southern part of Lake St Clair.

r Szwejkowski said the

terracious molluscaesmed immune to the cold winters of the region. The zebras were first noticed colonizing and suffocating native clams. Crayfish, which initially feed on the zebras, are in turn killed by the molluscs, which attach themselves with their sturdy beards.

"Outside the power station plants there is not much we can do. We will have to learn to live with it," said Mr Szwejkowski. "All we can hope is that the population of some natural predator begins to increase. Anybody who believes eradication will work is in for a rude

Opening doors on software

Computer staff will no longer have to specialize in a particular system

he search for universal "open" computer sys-tems is fast changing the information technology

All the leading computer manufacturers are releasing ome systems with common oftware and programming based on the open operating system Unix, which is aimed at making it easier for dif-ferent braces of machines to ciate and use the succe

DBM is the latest supannounce a range of Unix systems with the lamed of a recest series of work stations and fallows similar releases by competitors, such as Digital Equipment and ICL.

A recent survey published by the trade paper Computer Weekly showed that demand for personnel with experience

for personnel with experience in using Unix was the second most advertised job in the last 12 mouths and marks a shift in companies' staff requirements.

This demand is in turn pushing a shift in turn begin to rival those paid to 1BM unainframe staff, traditionally the most incrative skill in the trade.

"The salaries for Unix skills are elightly better than average. I would now expect a Unix expert to earn as much, if not more, than say someone with IBM/Cobol programming experience," says Russel Clements, of the Computer Futures recruitment agency (01-499 3886) which special-

izes in the Units merket. The changes are being led by business moves towards systems conforming to open standards. Figures published by the Dataquest research organization show that the market for Unix systems on the Continent was worth £2.8 billion in 1988 and just under \$1 billion in the UK.

The Unix market is estimated to account for about a tenth of total information techogy expenditure and is predicted to double by 1992. Other surveys show that most companies are including

plans and the leading mann-facturers predict that the mar-ket for Unix systems is more than double that for their

proprietary technol The advantage to businesses is that software written for the Unix operating system can run on numerous systems and means that companies do not have to retrain staff each time they upgrade. Previously, all the manufac-

turers would release an anknown and proprietary operat-ing system with each new range, leading to a shortage of staff with these skills for a considerable period.

These moves are leading ble for Unix experience. One software house found that staff attending a recruitment fair were desperately looking for companies prepared to retrain them in Unit.

Private training companies are also increasing the number of Unix courses to cope with the incremed demand. Comptec Computer Training (01-637 1234) is focusing on this area and has launched over 18

Self-employed commencions are also seeking to make the move, according to the Fernhart Select recruitment agency (01-658 7833) which specializes in Unix and the ICL market.

"A large number of o tractors are taking up trainin in Unix," George Coggin, the sanaging director, says. Companies need to make

the best use of scarce houses rces and many see that Unix offers them so effective method of utilizing existing staff for their computing requirements, regardless of which system they lustall in the fature.

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Battling the loneliness of life at the top

Isolation and endless change together make the life of the chief executive a difficult one. Sally Watts discovers

help at hand from several organizations

he chief executive is not only responsible for the day-to-day management of his organization, he or she must also plan for the next 10, 20 or more years, deciding how best to move into Europe, the global market and the next century. Challenges like these call for considerable knowledge

To foster these qualities, academic and business organizations are mounting courses, clubs and workshops, usually emphasizing strategic management, for people at the top, especially chief exec-

Organizers of these events point to the loneliness of the chief executive's role, a view shared by Tony Gill, chairman and chief executive of Lucas Industries. Being a chief executive is lonely and it's useful to have others to talk to. I make a deliberate attempt to keep in touch by attending conferences on subjects such as the effects of the single

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Mr Gill also goes to events organized by INSEAD, the international business school, and to programmes in strategic leadership arranged for key staff by his my and INSEAD.

"At Lucas, our training programmes are for everyone, includ-ing the chief executive," he says. "You need to keep up-to-date with the changes around. If you are trying to change the culture of an organization, as we were, it is helpful to subject yourself to the training, and be seen to do so."

For those in line for the top job, the British Institute of Management runs seminars which allow participants to think through the chief executive's role, compare other organizations and management styles with their own, and gain insights into the direction their organization is taking in the face of constant change.

The Leaders' Seminar, with its theme of "Leading to the Millen-nium", is held three times a year at a country hotel and is always fully booked. Each seminar lasts from Sunday evening to Friday lunch-time and is attended by, at most, 25 senior managers nominated by their own organizations. These come from a wide range of areas. including government depart-ments, manufacturing banks and

Tutoring is handled by chief executives, including earlier participants, and leading academics. They discuss subjects ranging from company development, corporate assets in the Nineties, the future of the "new Europe" to international competitive stratinternational competitive strat-



Dr Greisen Milberrew, of the British Institute of Management "The maner glad to act as guides and mentors. They give marcoally of their time"

the speakers' own executive styles, how they handle their responsibilities and where they feel they may

"They are glad to be guides and mentors, and they give generously of their time," says Dr Graham Milborrow, BIM's director of professional development services, who designs the seminars,

"There are dramatic changes taking place today and a stretch-ing process is continually taking place." But the role is unique which makes it difficult to obtain As well as group discussions, practical learning. The BIM offers there is the chance to learn about the chance to learn the best

approaches from good chief

The seminars help participants come to grips with their own style. They also bring a case study of their difficulties and discuss how they have dealt with recent

"Managing Strategic Change" is a workshop held each March and October by the Cranfield School of Management. It is designed to meet the needs of present and likely chief executives by building a programme around issues identified by the participants. The

resources. When necessary, an individual tutoring session with an expert is arranged.

maximum of 12 people takes part, with no two members from competing companies unless both agree. The work-shop lasts three days with a followup meeting held later. Here. participants report back on progress in an area of their own choice - problems of restructuring, perhaps, or the market positioning of their firm.

learn from each other," Dr Gerry Johnson, professor of strategic management, says, "Someone who attended our last course told us it was the only time he had been

Cranfield also runs mobile tailored courses with the theme "The Director: A Strategic Leader". These deal with the responsibilities and strategic functions of

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benefit of the programme is the chance to talk over problems and

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senior management , holds monthly, day-long conferences in London. Past speakers have included Peter Sutherland, chairman of Allied Irish Bank, and the author Dr Edward de Bono. The cost is £5,000 a year, or £7,000 for joint membeship, and the club is run by Ambrosetti, providers of senior management education.

Jean Lammiman, Ambrosetti's chief executive, will introduce two new ventures soon. In May, a Europe-based network will look at examples of good business practice for top managers moving into or planning links with Europe, and in June, a series of 24-hour intensive workshops will be held in conjunction with Cranfield, These will examine key aspects of the chief executive's role such as how to lead through marketing, or managing change.

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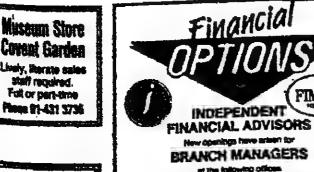


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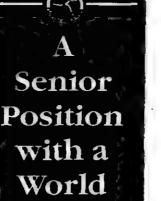
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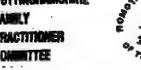
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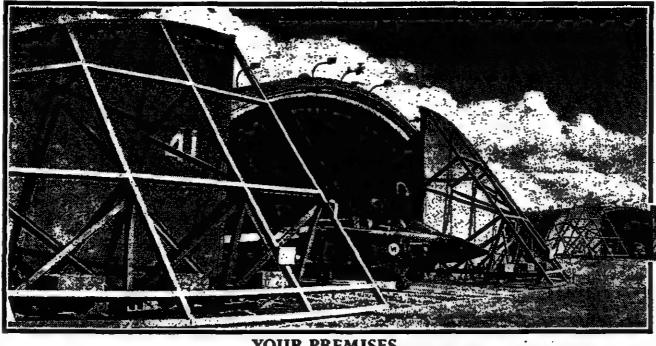
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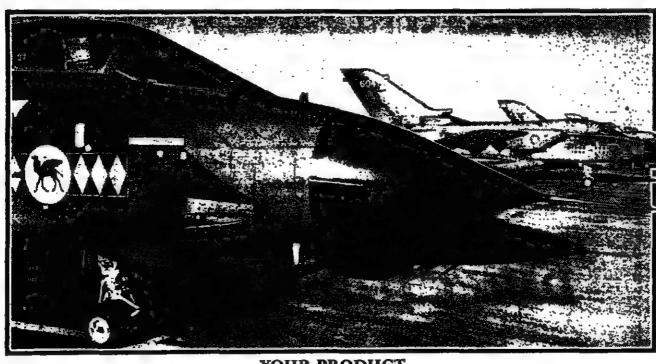
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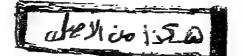
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Britain sure to be well represented in Dortmund

John Whitaker and Hendergenbosch which begins today.

also hosts the final of the championships last summer, Nashua World Cup dressage will choose between Hendercompetition, in which Jennie son Tees Hanauer, second at Loriston-Clarke is a strong Antwerp, and his Calgary contender, is the penultimate Grand Prix winner, Henderqualifier in the European League, After the next, in

Four of the British riders competing this week — Loriston-Clarke and Dutch Whitaker, his younger Gold may well improve on brother, Michael, Emma-Jane their fourth place last year.

Mac, and Nick Skelton — are in the top 10 and virtually hind Entertainer in the Brusassured of a place at Dortsels qualifier and were third in
mund. The fifth, Harvey
Smith, is outside the leading ceived his highest marks to thirty and has little chance date - 1,325 - in the grand

With Henderson Milton at the top of his form — Whitaker rates last week's win as one of his finest indoors — their chances of a second successive would 5. E Blaton (WG), 43; T Fuchs finest indoors — their chances of a second successive Skelton, 39, 19, D Broome, 29.

victory on Sunday must be

son Milton, winners of the high.
World Cup qualifier in Paris Whitaker is used to having last weekend, head the British his brother as the main threat team of five competing at the from the home side and this Dutch qualifier at 's Herto- weekend will be no exception. Michael, who finished second The four-day show, which behind John in the European

Although first place in the dressage final is likely to be League. After the near, and Sweden in a fortnight, the top dressage final is nkery to 19 riders qualify for the final disputed by two West Germans, Michael Klimke on Entertainer and Sven and Sven and Sven Rothenberger on Andiamo, Loriston-Clarke and Dutch

prix test.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

British ski team excels

The British team schleved what super-grand slalom, grand alamany would have thought impossible, by winning a record Christine Blackmore, from The British team achieved what many would have thought impossible, by winning a record total of 14 medals at the world disabled skiing championships at Winter Park, Colorado. No previous British team, ablebodied or disabled, has come close to this magnificent result. being moved to a category for specifiord, ased 22, won British team provided what was Erica Shore, from Edinburgh (LW9), in the slalom and combined events, despite being moved to a category for skiers with less severe disabilities than her own. close to this magnificent result.

Cumbrian-born Marthew
Stockford, aged 22, won Britain's first ever skiing gold in the downhill (category LW10, severe paraplegia). He also took bronze in the slalom and silver paired), the slalom and the grand slalom.

The British team finished eventh among the nineteen

Vicky Bourne, aged 18, from
Essex, also made history by
being the first British woman to
win a medal in Alpine skiing at
world championship level. She
took bronze in the downhill
least £300,000 to get the team
(category B2, partially sighted),

RACING: WHIP BANS FOR DAVIES AND DUNWOODY AFTER HARD-FOUGHT FINISH TO CHAMPION CHASE

Brave Barnbrook Again retains title

Barnbrook Again showed lion-hearted courage to win the Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham yesterday for the second-year running, beating Waterloo Boy and giving David Elsworth direct encouragement for the chances of Desert Orchid and Cavvies Clown in this afternoon's Cheltenham

But dramatically, three hours after the feature race, two-day ban (March 23 and 24) on the winning rider, Hywel Davies, and Richard Dunwoody, who rode Waterloo Boy, for using their whips with unreasonable frequency.
Davies was very disappointed with the decision,

saying: " It was a big prize and Barnbrook Again would not have won if I had not given him a couple of backhunders."

Elsworth, delighted with Barnbrook Again, said: "This result doesn't prove anything in that Dessie still has to go out and do it," said the trainer of the nation's idol. "But it shows my horses are in form and it was good to have won this race again."

The crowd of 38,421 went mad with excitement as Richard Dunwoody drove Waterloo Boy into a narrow lead at the final jump. But riding with equal strength and determ-ination, Hywel Davies forced the 11-10 favourite's head back in front to win a thriller by half a length. "He's the best horse I've ever ridden," said the Welshman triumphantly as he forced his way through the crowds to the weighing

Feroda, the only Irish chalenger for Britain's most valuable two mile race, finished seven lengths away third with Sabin Du Loir fourth, Pearlyman, now 11 years old and attempting to win the race for the third time, broke down before jumping the second fence from home and was pulled up. "He was only cantering," said John Ed-wards, "but we won't know anything definite about how he is until tomorrow."

Now having won 16 races and having only finished out of the first three once in 27 starts, the ultra-consistent



The triumphant Barnbrook Again (Hywel Davies, right) and Waterloo Boy (Richard Dunwoody) locked together in the Queen Mother Champion Chan

would have been unprofessional not to do it."

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the money added for the greet.

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The structure there are the money added for the great our best bet at the festival.

International Hurdle at to make next year." Franklin in Kentucky is now a likely target for yesterday's winner. "It's a definite possibility and we'd like to be invited," said the trainer. "He would stay the 24 miles all right. He's best at up to 21/2, but he's effective over three. The owner might well want to run him in the Gold Cup next

The punters had started the afternoon on a triumphant note when Peter Scudamore rode Regal Ambition to a 12length victory in the opening Sun Alliance Hurdle, thereby giving the all-conquering team of the jockey and Martin Pipe their first victory at this year's

Because of Regal Ansbition's supposed dislike for firm ground, many people's banker of the meeting was allowed to start at 3-1 after Barnbrook Again had been allowed to start at 3-1 after declared for this afternoon's heavy support from 9-2. And Gold Cup as a precaution, the way in which the six-year-We left him in in case he fell old went clear from the second early on," said Elsworth. "It last showed exactly why Toby

The stayers' hurdle was a This 21/2 miles is his best trip chapter of accidents for punters as Rogers Princess, the 11-The \$750,000 Duelling and what a chaser is he going 2 favourite, never looked like repeating last year's win. The Disaster struck favourite equally strongly fancied backers when Royal Athlete, a Taberna Lord was one of three 5-4 chance to win the Sun horses to come to grief at the Alliance Chase for Jenny Pitfirst flight of hurdles when man, fell at the downhill fence Inde Pulse and Smithonian, on the first circuit. However, who had to be destroyed, also Britain's leading woman

trainer received handsome compensation when Ben de came to grief. This victory was not only a gallant performance by the top Haan drove Garrison Savannah up the hill to beat the Irish weight, but also a welcome challenger, The Committee, and Toureen Prince in handchange of fortune for Simon Christian, who had previously finished second in the race twice, with Henry Mann last "I went to buy him at season and with Mynah Key Ballsbridge but turned him down," said Mrs Pitman. "All in 1988. This was only the third winner saddled by Christhe way back from Holyhead tian since he moved from to Lambourn I was kicking Lambourn to Mercy Rimel's myself because he looked so

former stables at Severn like Corbiere. So I rang up, bought him for £6,000 and Stoke. "We've had the virus but things are picking up sold him on to the owners for now," he said. £7,500. I am sure he will make a Grand National horse in due Despite Elaworth's strong Track records continued to

and repeated declaration that Cavvies Clown is going to run a mighty race in this after-noon's Gold Cup, I am sticktumble like nine pins. No less during the afternoon on the ing with Desert Orchid to win

Davies prophecy proves accurate

By Christopher Goulding

After dismounting from Royal

Stag, runner-up to Barnbrook
Again in last year's Queen
Mother Champion Chase,
Hywel Davies declared: "I will
win the race next year."

However, little did Davies

Would not give in."

The 24 respected Welchments win the race next year."

However, little did Davies realize that he would take the two mile championship riding last year's winner, Barnbrook

After an agonizing stewards' inquiry, Davies held his heart and prayed. "That was some race to ride in. I have waited 10

years to ride a winner in a race like that. The elevateds had as in and Hickard Drawnordy, on the runmer-up Waterloo Boy, did some good talking," continued Davies.
"They call me Shakespeare when I am involved in an inquiry, but Richard has takes the ununde now."

Barnbrook Again, who was an eleventh-hour switch to regain his crown in the Queen Mother Champion Chase after declaring for today's Gold Can, fought like.

Rambrook Again, who was an eleventh-hour switch to regain moments in my life, particularly his crown in the Queen Mother Champion Chasse after declaring to total on Last Suspect. But this for today's Gold Cup, fought like season has pieced together until the total base of the season has pieced together until the total base of the season has pieced together until the total base of the season has pieced together until the total base of the season has pieced together until the season has pi

Watering Boy,
"He is the best I have ridden,
the cream of steeplechasers,"
continued Davies. "I know now
what Simon Sherwood left when

Cheltenham

Melicar b g Malestrom Lake — Karabice (P Byrne) 6-11-3 R Supple (22-1) 2.

(P Dyning of the Parson — Let The Here St (H Kaye) 7-10-4 N Williamson (SS-1) 3. Stu Of Cramps of the Code Code — Spord (MAR) Haggle) 5-10-7 M Dayer (25-1) 4.

The 34-year-old Weishman's career has spiralled since he parted from Tim Forster to rice Davies landed his first-ever festival winner on Tuesday when Katabatic captured the Grand Annual Chase, "He must have been a good borse for me to win

However, if Davies sloubly his capabilities his fellow countrymen have always been his greatest admirers, awarding him the honour, Farchog (Good Englas Risher), for his country-

"I have had some specia

"The turning point has to be when I started riding for David Elsworth and won this season's Hennessy Gold Cup on Ghein, I just hope it continues."

SPORTS LETTERS

County cricket drops its roots in the dark ages Sensibilities

lish cricket has shown its ability to rise above the mediocrity of its immediate past, that the great and the good who run the county game have, apparently, refused to recognise the Jamaican Spring and have indicated their parts of medicated their intentions of rooting the game firmly in its dark age. The reactionaries appear hell bent on ignoring the needs of the game, prefering to stick to the old ways which have served English so badly in recent years. The examples of other sports should be heeded. Hockey and rugby, for example, have shown the way to go, how properly structured sports with the right people running them can turn our national team into potential world beaters. Football, on the

prize example of how not to do it, quality sacrificed for quan-Aerobic fitness From Mr A. Willey

Sir, I must take up the cudgels on behalf of Paul Ackford, who was perforce obliged to take a bit of stick from Mr David Francis (March 1). His rather hostile comments were precipitated because he did not agree with the England rugby international's opinion that, while Seb Coe was possibly the finest middle-distance runner of his day to week an England week he day to wear an England vest, he mightn't be great shakes wearing an England rugger jersey (Ackford's "ball out of a scrum" reference was merely the play-er's way of putting it, of course). Careful scrutiny of Mr Francia's comments show them to be not as convincing as he I. Despite his observations to

the contrary, musculo-skeletal strength is a concomitant of body size and weight in both athletes and gamesmen of the cafibre of Coe and Ackford. 2. It would indeed be strange if Coe's acrobic fitness was not superior to that of Ackford - or any other rugger international for that matter. Middle-distance running is all about aerobics. "pound for pound" is a physically stronger man than Ackford just has to be taken with a pinch of salt - as is his contention that middle-distance running (even at world-class level) demands a high level of all-round strength and total body condition.

One has to say that comparisons between such dissimilar sporting activities as rugger and running — in terms of their demands on such physical fitness factors as strength, endurance, speed, flexibility and the like - are seldom worthy of the mental effort involved. But having said this, I believe that few discerning observers would carp at the suggestion that top-drawer rugger demands for its successful performance a degree of all-round musculo-skeletal strength way in excess of that demanded of middle-distance removes - and more particularly

Packer and the one-day same probably saved cricket from extinction, but now the game is ready to take off in a different direction, too much instant cricket becomes a bore. Test matches and "proper" matches produce stars, which the game needs (whoever became a star in limited-overs matches?), as well as generating the mystique and the charisma that has always surrounded great cricket. The recent Test match in Jamaica will be remembered long after the one-day game which fol-lowed it, exciting though it was in its own right, has been

The way forward must surely be better cricket on proper wickets and the four-day game is of "instant cricket" on "results" pitches and standards will im-

in the upper extremity region of one's anatomy.

However, it is when one

Analyses Coe's musculo-skeletal equipment in this paticular region that his Achilles' heel as a rugger player is exposed. But of course he is not a rugger player, so that muscle bulk here is ledge; it will be geared precisely to the demands made upon it, namely, to provide the necessary synchronisation between oscillating body parts involving both upper and lower extremities - thus facilitating ease of case, the necessary grasping facility required for picking up

troph/ss Yours faithfully,

A. WILLEY, 105 Rawmarsh Hill, Pargate, Rotherham, South Yorkshire.

Experience ended

From Mr Philip Fitz-Gerald Sir, I am writing in dismay at the proposed abolition of the standing area on the centre court of Wimbledon (report, February 17). Not only is this unnecessary but it is inconsiderate to the majority of our population who are mable to acquire a seat on the centre court throughout the two weeks of the champion-ships. The standing area represented the only realistic opportunity for most people to experience the thrill of the centre court. This has now been removed, making Wimbledon a place reserved for the wealthy. Perhaps Lord Justice Taylor didn't take into account the people's feelings towards Wimbledon when he issued his report. I can understand the need for all-seat football stadi-

ums. Unfortunately football has

From Mr Edward J. Little tity. Cricket is in real danger of prove, public interest will be some way.

trampled on beightened, and those fearful of losing their seven days a week grind from April to September and the finances that this sen-erates will find they have a success on their hands. Will they

know what to do with it? EDWARD LITTLE, 15 Meadow Springs, Lydiard Millicent.

Swindon, Wiltshire. From Mr George Gargan Sir, According to some sections of the media, the Test victory in Kingston signalled the golden renaissance of English cricket.

English cricket? Our run-makers were both South Af-ricans, and, of our successful bowlers, two were West Indian, while the name of the third suggests he could qualify for Scotland. Ersatz English cricket (EEC)?

Yours, GEORGE GARGAN, 22 Mariborough Road, Bradford 3,

Role of deception

course he is not a rugger player, from Mr V. Gormally so that muscle bulk here is Sir, Deception, in one form or superfluous. Indeed, in a middle-distance runner, there is important role in ball games. It must not be forgotten that guised top spin in tennis and, in this must not be forgotten that It must not be forgotten that this star of the track is not only a distinguished athlete, but he is also a Loughborough graduate, and no one will know better than he about weight/energy what then is the distinguishing ratios and his upper-limb musculature will reflect that know the scrum which seems to attent to much odium (Scotter and the distinguishing feature of the dummy run from the scrum which seems to much odium (Scotter and the distinguishing feature of the dummy run from the scrum which seems to attent to much odium (Scotter and the dummy faith of the dummy run from the scrum which seems to attent to much odium (Scotter and the dummy run from the scrum which seems to attent to a much odium (Scotter and the dummy run from the scrum which seems to attent to a much odium (Scotter and the dummy run from the scrum which seems to a scr attract so much odium (Sports Letters, February 15 and 22, March 1)? It is especially in-teresting to note that in Ameri-can football — a distant cousin of rugby - the dummy run is the ities - thus facilitating ease of central plank of the game. Is this motion; and, of course, in Coe's the direction in which our present crop of scrum balves is pointing, and could this perhaps be the root of our disapproval?

> V. GORMALLY. Croft House, Scalby, Scarborough.

standing at a tennis match is exemplary record of safety. The experience of standing on

got to the stage where it is physically dangerous to stand at a manch and all-cost stadiums are the only answer. However,

Firstly, there are no rival sets of supporters hurling abuse at each other. Secondly, there are very few, if any, instances of drumbenness or misbehaviour. Thirdly, the spectators are not crammed into a small area enclosed by huge fences. Fourthly, something which seems to have been completely overlooked, Wimbledon has an

the centre court is one I shall never forget, but unfortunately never be able to repeat. Yours faithfully, PHILIP FITZ-GERALD, Beech Hall School, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

From Mr Roger Cross
Sir, Your schools' rugby correspondent would do well to address what I believe is a fundamental abuse of power by the Rugby Football Schools' Union (18 Group) selectors this

Following countrywide county games last Christmas, the best players were invited to final divisional trials in order that those who had played for the North, Midlands, South and South-West, and South-East and London, could play each other.
Each boy selected received a
letter from the RFSU informing
him that those divisional games

were England "trials".

Imagine the dismay among the four divisional full backs to discover that none of them had been chosen for the final Eng-land trial at Nottingham last weekend. Instead, one boy who had not been chosen at full back for either Yorkshire or the North (he was on the wing) was given one full back spot. Worse, the other full back position went to a boy who had not been picked to play in any county or divisional garners, but had been a divisional games, but had been a reserve. Both are in the England

This has made a mockery of the selection process, as well as trampling over the sensibilities of the boys who had to cope with shocking weather conditions for every single divisional game in previous weeks, the so-called England "trials", ROGER CROSS, The School Heath Wakefield, West Yorkshire,

Doubly difficult

From Mr I. P. Davies Sir, I was both surprised and

dismayed to read (March 6) the comments made by Brendan Parry, Bath's chairman, on the sending-off of John Hall against Plymouth Albion. To say that There had been no warnings issued" is absurd and reflects no credit on the club. All the rugby football unions made it clear at the start of the session that rough and dangerous play particularly stamping — would be severely punished, as it should be, by referees. It reflects little credit on England's leading club that they seem to expect to get away with dangerous play the first time it

occurs in a match, and makes the task of first-class referees Laurie Prideaux doubly difficult to keep the game clean. Yours faithfully, L P. DAVIES, 77 Hartscroft, Linton Glade, Croydon, Surrey.

More responsible From Mr Andrew Hargreaves, MP for Birmingham, Hall Green (Conservative) Sir, I find it extremely dis-

appointing that companies in-volved in promoting their products through sports spon-sorship, and especially those in the pharmaccutical industry, have not taken a more respon

Council not answerable to sport From Mr Denis Howell, MP for Birmingham, Small Heath Sport and Recreation which I presented to Parliament in 1976

than four records were broken

some style.

(Labour)
Sir, I am obliged to David
Pickup for the kind comments
he made (March 9) upon the extracts of my memoirs, Made in Birmingham.

He discusses matters of

considerable importance for the government of sport in this country and I am afraid that his response is not entirely satisfac-tory or accurate. Mr Pickup presumably wrote before he was able to read my book in full and therefore he was not able to comment upon the evidence I provided as to how the director general was asked to resign his office without the involvement of the Sports Council as a whole. Nor of the way in which the deputy director left the services of the Council. These events caused me, as the Opposition Spokesman for Sport to request a meeting with the Sports Council as a whole which was

actory. As to the nature of the Sports Council and its accountability to sport or to Parliament, Mr Pickup does not appear to understand the importance of the issue I have raised. First of all, ministers have unilaterally departed from the arrangements adopted in the White Paper on

Missing factor

From Mrs D.M. Lawton Sir. It was a breath of fresh air to

read (End Column, March 7) of Dr Don Davies's criticism of the competitive and coaching struc-ture of juniors in this country. At last it has been brought out that means fitness in the factor missing in our aspiring tennis players. Sports psychology has almost been a dirty word indicating that players need a "shrink", rather than a coach, to train them for the major part of their performance.

When one considers that 75

per cent of a player's time is spent between points and only 25 per cent actually playing, is it surprising that our players lose continually? They are quite simply not trained to use that 75 per cent of court time to gain 100 per cent benefit from the 25 per cent playing time. Some players, notably Jimmy Con-nors and Ivan Lendl, have developed their mental skills to a very high degree, without help, but the vast majority do not have that ability and need professional help.

American juniors are now coached in mental skills as

thoroughly as they are in playing skills, and their coaches are being trained to do just this. There are many professional

sible attitude towards the

increasing threat of drug taking to sport in Britain. They should insist that their sponsored sthletes and athletes with promotional contracts are drug free, and be prepared to test, if necessary, to ensure this. Yours faithfully, ANDREW HARGREAVES House of Commons, SW1.

and which was universally accepted. These meant that the Cetral Council of Physical Recreation nominated their representatives direct and these were accepted by the Minister. More important, the Sports Council does not answer to sport in any meaningful way. It holds no conference where its

members can meet the governing bodies of sport and receive and answer questions or con-tributions. As Mr Pickup states, because of the Royal Charter, members of Parliament are not allowed to table questions about their activities in Parliament. I submit that all this is totally unsatisfactory and needs the attention of a future Parliament.

Finally, I am delighted to endorse the high standing of the persons outlined by Mr Pickup who serve upon the Sports Council and to record my own satisfaction with them, but that in no way implies that the Sports Council, unlike even the Cabinet itself, should have the power to make grants and to determine policy without being answerable to any other authanswerable to any other auth-

DENIS HOWELL, House of Commons, SW1.

coaches in this country with American qualifications but

they are not recognised by the LTA. This is very shortsighted as there are only 1,300 registered coaches for 1.4 million players in this country and my guess is that very few are equipped to coach in mental fitness. (Mar R Haggar) 8-10-7 M Dayer (25-1) 4.

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Elle, 188. Dr Davies also comments on the lack of practice and the overemphasis on competition. In my experience age-grouping is stuitifying. It does not allow good jumors to advance quickly enough and it allows jumors to their under the underthe their particular group. Also it splits players into junior and senior, which is bad psychologi-cally. The rating system is much better and it allows one to spot instantly the skilled, compet-

4.5 SUN ALLIANCE CHASE (Championship race: £39,473; Sm)
GARRISON SAVARNAH b g Remion Shot — Merry Coin (Ausolous Engineering) 7-11-4 B de Heen (12-1) The Committee br g Derring Rose — What A What (Corcrain Enterprises Ltd) 7-11-4 M Plynn (20-1) to move on. The LTA are to be congratulated on introducing the new LTA Volkswagen Ju-Chatem b h 6lig Spruce - Cristaline (Dr B Noten) 6-11-4 P Scudemore (7-2) 3. ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Royal Athlete (f), 9
Knight Oi (f), Toutean Prince (4th), 14 Rife
Range (put, Missed Bende (5th), 25-48 Jen
(f), 9 mn. 5l, 254, 3l, 8l, Mrs. J. Pleman at
Upper Lamisourn. True: Prin.5c. 22.80,
53.20, 21.80. DF: £130.90. CSP: £176.42. nior Series. These tournaments will encourage all players to enter, without fearing annihilation in the first round. 4.40 NATIONAL HURT CHASE CHALL-ENGE CUP (Ametours: 215,296: 4m) If the LTA will now accept EMGE CUP (Ameteurs: 215,296; 4m)
TOPSHAM BAY 5 G Proverb — Blower (M
Marsh) 7-12-0 Mr P Hacking (40-1) 1. that the cracking of mental skills Royal Battery br g Nortolk Air — All At See (Mrs P Cottle) 7-12-0 Mr G Ordey (25-1)

is of equal or greater importance than the cracking of playing skills, then I think the UK is well on its way to producing players of excellence. British juniors do not lack playing ability – they simply lack the mental skills to execute it. Yours sincerely, DEIRDRE M. LAWTON,

Hythe, Kent. Sports Letters may be sent

by fax to 91-782 5046

14 North Road West,

5.15 MILDMAY OF FLETE CHALLENGE CUP (Listed race: handises chase

2.15 SUN ALLIANCE NOVICES BURGLE (Championship race: 232,364: 2m 4f) RIGAL AMESTION b g Royal Palace — Chick Alm (Skelbook Lizi) 6-11-7 P. Scudemors (3-1 fas) Judges Pency b a Monkefield — Knot-wood Court (J de C Soot) 6-11-7 R Supple (66-1) Tenr's Little Bet or in Scallywag - Fleet Street Fifty (T Staddon) 6-11-2 D Gallagner (200-1)

Yesterday's results

from two meetings

(7-1)
ALSO PAVE 100-30 few Print Breat 8
806dessarcet (6td), 7 Four Trix (pu), 19
Brockencust (f), Aughterogue (pu), Worley
Knight, 12 Inneopine (6td), 16 Austile Dot
(4th), 25 Observer Corps (pu), 35 Oregon
Trail (pu), 100 Problem Corlid (pu), 14 se.
NR: Fu'r Lady, Replier Triust, 8, 2, 4, 5,
8. A James et Bishops Froms, Tolic
507.00, 207.01, 208.0, 22.50, 09; E192.70.
CSF: ES18.04. Tycast 14,218.42.

Pincepot: 2548.46. lettisheesig b g Stippered - Reth-creevagh (J Upson) 8-12-0 Mr D Costello (6-1)

Carvill's Hill, who misses to day's Cheltenham Gold, Con Costello (6-1)

ALSO RAN: 11-2 k-lev Die Broke (4th).
Radical Lady (pu), 6 Coshinstrem (6th). 11
Las Pervenus (f), 12 Our Fellow (str). 11
Las Pervenus (f), 12 Our Fellow (str). 14
No Granded, 16 Uncle Raggy (5th). 25
Blue Ravina, 28 Youweltomme, 32 interim
Lib, Just So, Speakers Comer, Grand
Inquisitor, 40 Sportsmens (pu), 50 Lover
Bill, Tolke Apple (pu), 100 Mountaino
(pu), Another Troup, Coppet Sono (pu),
Just Sonorock, Cellio Remorae (f), 200
Julie Gespele (ur), 25 ran. MR: Pee Sal. 4,
20, 2%, 1%, % D Barons at Kingsbridge, Toles (58-20; 210.30, 214.50,
22.30, DF: 21,081.40, CSF: 2700.78,
Tricest: 28,034.81.

Lackbow b or br g Redical — No Dice (Ma E Seegrave) 10-10-7 T Reed (9-1) 2. King Of The Let br g Space King — Nicola Lies (Major R Yule) 7-10-9 ii Dowled (7-1)

Newton Abbot

STREET FRITY (1 STREETON) 5-11-2 D. GERBERT (200-1)

ALSO RAN: 5 Fort Noal, 6 Plum For Presential), 8 Martined Genera, 9 Scale Owen (put), 12 Turylaved (ft), 16 Dewirs Valley (9th), 25 Dorarts Hill Land (25th), 23 Stately Lower, The Shyuthachar, 50 Ben Cilver (pt), Aly Valley, Drity Diema, Orbits, 96 Castin Windows, Mozel Tidy, 100 And Thanch, Watch Wander, 200 Castin Orbits, 100 Castin Windows, Mozel Tidy, 100 And Thanch, Watch Wander, 200 Castin Orbits, 100 Land, 100 La Gining: good to work (8-1)

Percele b g Antonore — Dechem Vale (N McCerthy) 9-12-0 T teathe (8-1)

ALSO RANk: 4 Sebin Du Loir (4th), 6 Peerlyman (pu), 16 Pento Prince (8th), private Views, 50 Ider's Deligne (5th), 500 impertain. 9 ran. 51, 71, 51, 101, 254, D Elementh 4t Whistiamy, Tone (2-0); C1.50, 21.50, 21.50, 21.50, DF: 87.40, CSF: \$10.23, After a stimulated inquiry, result stood.

3.20 CCMAL ACCUREN HUMBLE FRAME (Flandicap: Sead race: £23,751: 3m 14)

MESHET Makes br g Managana — Lime Dioper (J. Wilson) 7-11-9 A Multicilland (20-1)

Mestatra b g Malestrom Laios — Karables 21.50. CSP: 22.69.

2.35 (2m 150yd ch) 1, GO WEST U Frost, 9-4 favir 2, Myratic Palace R Greene, 33-1; 3, South Pool (it Hanta, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Fuego Boy 60th. Setter Country (6th.) 5 Highter (4th.) 25 Coral Harbour (f), Leningrad (pul, Sury Mitsens (f), 33 Stayrhar Gold (pul, Masternere, 50 Manchesterskyrlan (pul, 50m) AU, 68, 11, 21, 101. M Pipe at Weilington, Total: 23.10; 21.20, 25.20, 218.20. DP 255.90. CSP: 256.07.

3.10 (2m 150wd heliel 1, 2010 W 2007)

Tota: 23.10; E1.20; 29.20; E18.20; UF 255.90; CSF: 286.07.

3.10 (2m 150)-d hole) 1, GOLD W 8027 (5 Hodgen, 5-1); 2, Larux (2m (W Mo-Partand, 12-1); 3, Arabbe Lund (F McDermott, 8-1); 4, Orlantel Dress (Shoement, 20-1); 4, Orlantel Dress (Shoement, 20-1); 4, List (Shoement, 20-1); 4, List (Shoement, 20-1); 4, List (Shoement, 20-1); 4, Hollan Streen (Soli-Hazara (Dul. 9); 4, Hollan Streen (Soli-Hazara (Dul. 9); 5, Hollan Streen (Dul. 9); 5, Hollan Str 23.60. CSP: 22.56. Tricent: 24.27.
4.20 (2m 5f 110yd hdie) 1, DOMMON THEASURE (W McFartand, 65-40 lark; 2, Record Flight (W Irvine, 5-1); 3, Clam P. Devise, 11-2, ALSO RAN: 7 Cents Bot, 15 a Long Way (53h), 10 Meziant, 12 Somments (40h), 10 Theor Nos, Selly Sear, Hawkes Bay, 20 Kahyan, 2 Tinking Star., 35 Green Aunt Saly, Asset Caught (5m, 35 Green, Aunt Saly, Asset Caught (5m, 48, 8), 3h, hd, 15 saler at Treatm. Tone: 24.00; 215.00, 22.00, 23.30. DF ET1.30. CSP: 216.10. Tricent 123.55.

ET1.30. CSF. 216.10. Tricest ISSS:
4.55 (2m 150yd hde) 1, RUSHILIAN (M Irvine, 3-1): 2, Pin The Jung G Shoemark, 40-1): 3. Pingue O' Rate (J Frost, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Between The Steel's Quit), 4 Young Fest (4th), 9-2 Between 6 Truism (f), 13-2 Sporting idor (5th), 4 Country Derpsel (pu), 40 Quacen Ident, Time On My Hands, Time Module. 12 csf-MR: Xhal. 154, 12-1, 18, 8, 8, R Hodgie & Somerton. Tole: 53.70; E2.00, 23.84. 21.80. DP: 2577.20. CSP: E280.74. Tricest E1, 822.65.

Leonardstown next

cause of the fast ground, Saturday's Kilternan Handicas. Chase and then the Martell Call at Liverpool next month.

• Jimmy Frost, successful of Forest Sun at Cheltenhaus Tuesday, turned his attention.
Newton Abbot yesterday,
completed a treble on Olve
Go West and Torside.

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Stage perfectly set for Desert Orchid to top the bill again

Desert Orchid, on ground that he will relish, should become the first horse since L'Escargot Festival to win the Tote Gold Cup twice at Cheltenham today.
Having selected him to value, was not vintage.

finally lay his Cheltenham bogey last year when the Orchid's latest run at conditions underfoot were so awful. I almost feel duty hound to stay loyal now that the going will suit his wonderfully rhythmic style of racing. The near-white grey, with

his lovely flowing mane and tail, has never been as good on a left-handed course as he is when going the other way round on courses like Ascot. Sandown, Kempton and

Having been beaten twice in the Champion Hurdle, once in the Arkie and twice in the Queen Mother Champion Chase, it took a Gold Cup before he finally won at Cheltenham at the sixth

Perhaps it was the longer because the year out time at least won for the first time because the year before he had on a left-handed track, and they don't come much sharper than the Mildmay circuit at

> three miles and five furlongs mance itself was laudible the by Toby Tobias on her only

National

On the evidence of Desert Kempton he still has sufficient in hand this time.

While David Elsworth is issuing encouraging signals about Cavvies Clown as well, I still feel that Bouanza Boy, at his best, is the one that Desert the Dail Orchid has to beat even Hurdle. though Martin Pipe's hope finished a long way behind him in last year's race.

On that occasion Bonanza after a desperately hard race at Kempton less than three weeks before

In order to avoid making the same mistake twice, Pipe has kept Bonanza Boy on ice since he won the Welsh National at Chepstow just before Christmas, Although he has distance that did the trick won on fast ground this season, Bonanza Boy would arguably be happier if the going was softer and the distance further.

Nick The Brief has gone from strength to strength this As he had already won a season, but I cannot see him Whithread Gold Cup over having the necessary pace to cope with Desert Orchid at Sandown it should not have However, on his Leopardsbeen surprising to see Desert town run he holds the Irish Orchid stay on so well up the challenger Maid Of Money, hill last year. While the perfor- who was also put in her place

actual form; taken at face previous visit to Cheltenham. Desert Orchid's career record

eeeon -	Tet	2nd	3rd	Runs	Prize-m Win	oney (E) Place	
982-83 963-84	0	1	000	4 8 8	21,315	(347) (887)	
985-86 986-87	8	2	2 1	10	4,417 18,993 72,578	(7,153) (8,025) (6,274)	
957-88 955-89	6	4	0	9	72,385 159,448	(35,334)	
169-10 100	31	10	5	60	74,012 423,148	(3,020) (61,040)	

Tobias has fallen at Newbury

when endeavouring to match strides with Barnbrook Again. If Fulke Walwyn was to win the Gold Cup again it would surely have been with the talented but ill-fated Ten Plus last year, not now with Ten Of Spades, who is basically only a good handicapper. As for last year's gallant runner-up, Yahoo, he has looked positively

leaden-footed all season. The final day begins with the customary cavalry charge, the Daily Express Triumph

Having won twice over the course and distance already, and at Ascot too, Major Inquiry will know precisely Boy was probably over the top what is required of him, and he is taken to get David Elsworth's Whitsbury stable

off to a flying start.

Whitsunday, who was once trained by Nicky Henderson to win a good race for novices at Ascot, is my selection for the Christies Foxhunter Chase. He looked in sparkling form in the point-to-point field this spring when he has been ridden to victory twice by his owner and current trainer, Mark Chamberlayne.

Henderson could easily be the supplier of the best bet of the day because I firmly believe that Brown Windsor is capable of winning the Cathcart Challenge Cup, even though the distance is short of

He did win over the trip at Sandown in the autumn and is reported to be in sparkling form after his mid-winter break. He will love the ground, and is my nap.

Having frustrated all season. Boraceva, the winner of the National Hunt Chase last year, finally got his act toeether again when winning easily at Warwick nine days

In the circumstances. think that he will be hard to beat in the Ritz Club National Handicap even with a penalty.

BIG RACE LINE-UP BBC1

3.30 TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (Championship race: £67,003: 3m 2f) (13 runners)

301	P13211	BARNBROOK AGAIN (C) (M Davies) D Elsworth 9-12-0	R -
302	1407-51	BONANZA BOY (D) (S Durster) M Pice 9-12-0 PScudemon	. 9
		(Pink, white stars, pink sleeves, purple armiets, pink cap, white star)	_
303	HZIR-1	CAVVIES CLOWN (Mrs J Offivant) D Elsworth 10-12-0 G Bradie (Green, pink cross-belts)	y e
304	E-19111	DESERT ORCHID (CD) (R Surridge) D Elsworth 11-12-0	V @ 9
	7.7	(Dark blue, gray sieeves and cab)	
305	4273-14	KRDIMO (C) (Lady Harris) G Balding 10-12-0	st 7
		. (Maure and veliow check, yellow sleeves)	
306	2-92211	MCK THE BRIEF (C) (J Upson) J Upson 8-12-0	p 8
-	منحد مد ،	(White, dark green epiculets and star on cap)	
au.	11-9045	MORTON'S COIN (C.BF) (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 9-12-0 GMcCour (Black, white hoops, black sleeves, emerald green and white quartered cap)	n, e
306	129,123	PEGWELL BAY (C,BF) (Maj A Barlow) T Forster 9-12-0	41 8
		(Vallow Marir crists and sleaves, white can)	
7300	4321/11	i TEN OF SPADES (CD) (W Whithread) F Walwyn 10-12-0 K Moone	ry 6
	-	Khocolete vellow coller, cuffs and caol	
210	\$111- 60	THE BAKEWELL BOY (D) (N Lake) R Frost 8-12-0 5 Smith Eccle (Red, white sash, emerald green sleeves, emerald green and red check cap)	. 0
944	line beri	TOBY TOBIAS (C,BF) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 8-12-0	0 8
911	Attitio	(Rioyal blue and red diamonds, royal blue sleeves, red cap, royal blue star)	4
312	P-37332	YANDO (N) (A Parker) J Edwards 9-12-0	n 8
		Nations, white enoughts, volice sineves, black armiers, white cap)	
313	111135	I MAID OF MONEY (Mrs H McCormick) J Fowler (Ire) 5-11-9	# 7
		(Yellow, black hooped sleeves and sash, black cap)	

HETTING: 4-6 Desert Orchid, 6-1 Bonanza Boy, 8-1 Toby Tobias, 10-1 Cavvies Clown, 12-1 Nick The Brief, 20-1 Pegwell Bay, 25-1 Ten Of Spades, Maid Of Money, 33-1 Yahoo, 40-1 Kildimo, 100-1 Norton's Coin, 200-1 The Sakewell Boy.

1989: DESERT ORCHID 10-12-0 S Sherwood (5-2 fav) D Elsworth 13 ran

Form guide for the Gold Cup contenders

BONANZA BOY

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Dec 28, Chepatow, soft: (11-11) Dect
Cool Ground (10-4) 15/ (5/0-6), lasted
Irido, Et.,980, 12 (ran).
Dec 2. Chepatow, good: (11-10) beat
Fith And Sate (10-8) 10/ (3m., listed
listed Irido, £5,852, 6 (ran).
Ast 28, Sandown, good to soft (11-3)
Pulled by before 3 out for race won by
Brown, Whether (10-0) with YAHOO
(11-7) also guiled up before 3 out (3m.)
I light, select Iridop, £45,900, 18 ter). Her 18, Chaluman, heavy: see DEMERT ORCHIO.

CAVVIES CLOWN

Feb 22, Wassespn, good to soft: (11-6) bes-Cool Ground (11-0) 257 with AL DRIAD (11-6) is besten 2nd when taking at the last (2m 11, listed, 23,074, 4 res).

Mar 16, Cheltenbern, heavy: see DESERT ORDERO.

Pab 25 1968, who since, good to soft (11-10) best Golden Freeze (11-10) 254 (3m 11, listed, 25,205, 3 ren).

DESERT ORCHID

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Pto 24, Resiston, good: (12-3) best
Delta: (10-2) 21 (Sm. Relad n'oxp.
24,100, 8 ries.
Feb 8, Wilcomion, good: (12-0) best
Barsies (12-0) 20; (2m 5).
LASS, 7 rank.
Dec 28, Kempton, good: (11-10) wron
by 8; from Sambrondik Again (11-10)
with YAHOO (13-10) 72 raway 3rd.
PEGWELL SAY (11-10) 8; 5th and
MORTON'S CODE (11-10) 13 0th (3m.
Complete No. 10-0,100, 15 with 10-1
her THINGO (12-0) 15 with 10-1
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Cm 24, championship, 268,371, 13
ring.

Tell 1980, Sendown, pool: (12-0) but resident Leav (10-10) %! with M. Disco (10-13) 231 away 3-0 (3m 11-ye) sentre sentre sentre from 519,540, 4 real.

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Mar 3. Nereford, soft: (10-10) 18'41 4th to Fu's Lady (10-12) (2m 3f, 53.266, 6 ran). Feb 22. Wincamon, good to soft see CAVVIES CLOWN. Feb 4, 1989, Sandown, good: see DESERT ORCHIO.

NICK THE BRIEF

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Feb 17. Leopardstown, soft: (12-0)
best Carvill's Hell (12-0) SI with MAID
OF MONEY (11-9) 21/13rd (3m, listed,
£47,225, 5 ran).
Lan 20. Haydock, soft: (10-9) beat
Bishops Yarn (11-0) XI with YAHOO
(12-0) SI away 3rd (3m, leature limited
h'cap, £14,310, 6 ran).
Jan 6, Sundown, good: (11-9) neck
2nd to Cool Ground (10-5) (3m 5)
18yd, listed h'cap, £14,330, 12 ran). NORTON'S COIN

Feb 10, Newbury, heavy: (11-8) 15%! Srd to Fu's Lady (10-6) (2m 4f, h'cap, £4,793, 11 ran).
Jan 27, Chetenham, good: (11-3) 11 2nd to Welstord (10-7) (2m 4f, h'cap, £3,640, 9 ran).
Jan 13, Ascot, good to soft: (10-0) 188 9th to Meldeour (2m, h'cap, £30,378, 10 ran).

10 ran). Dec 26, Kempton, good: see DESERT ORCHED.

PEGWELL BAY Jan 11. Wincenton, good: see TOBY TOBAS.
Dec 26, Kempton, good: see DESERT ORCHED.
Nov 15. Kempton, good: (11-7) best Parto Prince (11-1) 41 (2m 41, smited broap, £2,765, 3 ren).
May 16. Chamenham, hassey that

Mar 16, Chetenham, heavy: 200 DESERT ORCHIO. TEN OF SPADES

beat The Dragon Mester (10-9) 1% (2m 4f, h'cap, £8,450, 6 ran).

Apr 20, 1988, Cheftenham, good to firm: (11-3) beat Woodside Road (10-0) 12t (3m 2t, listed limited h'cap, £8,883, 5 ran).

THE BAKEWELL BOY Feb 9, Newbury, heavy: (10-11) tailed off 7th to Steeple View (10-13) (3m, h'cap, £5,680, 10 ren).

Jan 12, Ascot, good: (10-4) 47%1 8th to Zuko (10-0) (3m, h'cap, £11,355, 11 ran).

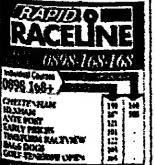
Feb 4, 1989, Sandown, good: (11-8) beat Southernair (11-8) head (2m 4f 68yd, novice listed, £7,480, 4 ran).

TOBY TOBIAS Feb 10, Newbury, heavy: see YAHOO.
Jan 27. Chebenham, good: (11-5) best MAID OF MONEY (11-7) 10 (3m 11, listed, £10,016, 4 ran).
Jan 11, Wincanton, good: (11-5) best PEGWELL BAY (12-0) 81 (2m 5), £3,655, 4 ren).

YAHOO Feb 10, Newbury, heavy: (11-12) 2nd to Bambrook Again (11-12), beaten a distance, with TOBY TOBIAS (11-5) unseating rider at 10th (3m 122yd, listed, £11,030, 4 ran). Jan 20, Haydock, soft: see NICK THE BRIEF. Dec 26, Kampton, good: 386 DESERT ORCHIO. Apr 29, Sandown, good to soft 866 BONANZA BOY.

Mar 16, Cheltenham, DESERT ORCHID. MAID OF MONEY Feb 17, Leopardstown, soft: see NICK THE BRIEF.

Dec 28, Leopardstown, yielding: (11-9) best Waterloo Boy (12-0) 5il (2m 4f, listed, £30,800, 4 ran). Feb 7, Ascot. soft (10-0) best Paddyboro (10-0) St (3m, issed h Cap, \$25,813, 7 raf). Jan 13, Ascot, good to soft (11-2) Selection: DESERT ORCHID



Chance for Call Collect Tip and Border Burg, looks past

Old Nick, on a form line through Straight Filot, looks to have a good chance in today's is pront to errors.

Whitsinday has done every-thing right in his two point-to-point outings this season, but he finished a very fired third in the

Rodden Brook will not be Christies Foxhunter Chase (Brian Beel writes). However, this impressive Catterick winner when going under by five when going under by five lengths to Dromore Castle at Newbury.

Nothing however, should best Call Collect. Last year, he finished third in this race, but Kim Muir two years ago.

Last year's wanner, Three Counties, needs heavy going to produce his best and, like West races.

CHELTENHAM

Selections By Mandarin

4.05 Boraceva. 4.40 BROWN WINDSOR (nap).

By Michael Seely

2.50 WEST TIP (nap). 3.30 Desert Orchid. 4.05 City Entertainer. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 STONE FLAKE, Brian Beel's selection: 2.50 Call Collect.

Going: good

2.15 DAILY EXPRESS TRIUMPH HURDLE (Championship race: 4-Y-O: £34,039; 2m) (30 runners)

١	101	6418	ABLE LEADER 34 (D,R) (F Controy) J Gifford 11-0	75
	102	3F1143	BADRAICHANI 13 (D.G.S) (W Fagan) N Henderson 11-0 J White	79
١.	103	4-21R12	BALLY RUE 12 (D.S) (E Keams) J Bolger (Ire) 11-0	73
•	104	35213	CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 73 (BF,D,S) (Mrs. K Stuart) Mrs. J Retter 11-0	93
١.	105		CYPHRATE \$4 (D,S) [Alias Smith & Jones Racing Ltd] M Pipe 11-0 J Lower	61
	106		DARK DESIRE 12 (D.G.S) (J. Jones) M Francis 11-0	20
	107	1125	AL TROVATORE 19 (BF,D,S) (J Hunt) N Meads (Ire) 11-0 T Morgan	83
	108	241	(VEAGH HOUSE 21 (D.S) (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Plimen 11-0	65
	100	8202	IVORS GUEST 12 (B) (Mrs E Histins) Mrs J Plusen 11-0 M Plusen	82
	110	21123	(JUCKY VERDICT 27 (Rust,s) (Richard Green (Fine Paintings)) M Pipe 11-0 M Daughty	95
	111	001211	MAGIC MILLION \$3 (P.Q.S) (P Donohos) M O'Toole (Ire) 11-0 T Commody	85
	112	111	MAJOR INCURY 73 (CD.F.G) (Mrs T Stone-Brown) D Electric 11-0	22
1	113	4155	MAN FOR ALL SEASON 12 (D,S) (P Sinds) J Baker 11-0	71
	114		SHIDFRELDER 19 (D.S) (Bournstream 77) P Hobbs 11-0	80
	115		NATIVE FRIEND 12 (D,F,Q) (J Dick) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-0	25
١.	116	72271	NINLIA 12 (D,S) (H Mould) D Nicholson 11-0 H Davies	81
i	117		OFFSCIAL RECEPTION 26 (8,D,Q) (Mrs J Keeling) M O'Toole (ire) 11-0	83
	118	- 661311	ON DEPOSIT 19 (B.D.S) (J Horgeri) E O'Grady (ire) 11-0	78
	119		RARE HOLIDAY 33 (Dr M Smurit) D Wold (Ire) 11-0 B Shedden	73
	120	11	NOYAL SQUARE 23 (0,Q,5) (Mrs B Hearse) G Harwood 11-0	95
1	121	21111	BAYYURE 47 (CD,F,Q) (B Lovrey) N Tinkler 11-0 G McCourt	93
	122	31262	SEA BUCK 13 (V,D,S) (C Bucks) G Baiding 11-0 J Freet	73
ı	123		SELVER KING 34 (D,S) (Pipe Soudemore Racing Pic) M Pipe 11-0	53
	124	3F 1	SPRING HAY 28 (0,5) (A Seeed) D Nicholson 11-0 R Defrecedy	77
7	125		STAGE PLAYER 73 (NF,D,F) (M Morrison) R Simpson 11-0 W Morris	**
1	126		STIGON 18 (B,S) (Miss. M McGressen) D Murphy (Ire) 11-0	74
1	127		STONE FLAKE SI (D,S) (N Mendell) P Kellenny 11-0	
ı	128	2522	VESTRIS ABU 12 (BF) (Nos C Shubothem) J Bolger (km) 11-0 C Seen	97
ı	129	PT1210	BH-KEEPING 19 (D.F.S) (Mrs H Fleed) M Pipe 10-9	74
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	Sayy	ura, 14-1	: 5-1 Stone Flaks, 6-1 Royal Square, 10-1 Silver King, 11-1 Major Inquiry, Megic Malion, 1 Cyphrate, 16-1 Native Friend, 20-1 Dark Desire, Flara Holiday, 25-1 Spring Hay, 33-1 othe	2-1
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FORM FOCUS BALLY RUE short head 2nd to Grey Denute in Based race at Nass (2m, heavy) last time. CYPHRATE impressed when metting all to best Network Scot 25I at Haydock (2m, sort).

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1%/ Srd.
ROYAL SQUARE impressive when delesting Repail Lake 7 at Kempton (2m, good) and Good Sperk 8f et Humingdon (2m 100yd, good to soft). SALYURE driven out to best LUCKY VERDICT (Sib worse off) 254 hare (2m, good).
SILVER KING mede all to best Gay Ruffers at at Newbury (2m 100yd, heavy) with MAN FOR ALL SEASON (name terms) 11%/ Stb. STONE FLAKE, a useful performer on the Fat, impressive when defeating Regal Lake 15/ at Wolverhempton (2m, good to soft).

2.50 CHRISTIES FOXHUNTER CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (Listed race: amateurs: £14,157: 3m 2f) (16 runners)

	201	PP0/214-	BORDER BURG 342 (CD.F.G.S) (J Delahooke) J Delahooke 13-12-0 A HE
i	202	311-211	CALL COLLECT 20 (5) [J Clements) J Parkes 9-12-0 R Martin
	203		DEEP PROSPECT 12 (D.F) (N Jones) Mrs Gill Jones 11-12-0 N Jones
i	204		FORT CAPTAIN (Mrs S Kesting-Coyne) Mrs S Kesting-Coyne 10-12-0
	205	PAUPA/I	FUDGE DELIGHT 7 (0,0.5) (R Goodell) R Goodell 11-12-0
			GENERAL MERCHANT 34 (B.D.G.S) (G Tisto) G Tisto 10-12-0
			MITHLINI 670 (8) (C Shankland) C Shankland 10-12-0 C Coyee
l			HOBBAHOKKER 10 (8) (J Greenell) J Greenell 8-12-0
ľ			OLD MICK 5 (F,S) (Mrs H Bell) Mrs H Bell 9-12-0 N Seeks
i			PROVIDE 12 (C Wood) C Wood 9-12-0 8 Chiese
	211		PURNAGO 25 (F) (Mrs. J. Dioben) Mrs. J. Dioben 8-12-0
ı			MODDEN BROOK 13 (BF.Q.S) (Mrs H Tutte) Mrs H Tutte 8-12-0 P MacEsses
ı			THREE COUNTIES 20 (CO.F.S) (Miss K Rimoli) J Blundall 13-12-0 Miss K Rimoli
ı			WEST TIP 10 (COURT, F.G.S) (P Luft) M Offver 13-12-0 M Armytage
i			WHITSURDAY 364 (G,S) (M Chambertayne) M Chambertayne 11-12-0 M Chambertayne
ı			SWEET RASCAL 316 (C.F.S) (Mike Clutterbuck (Calvest)) M Clutterbuck 11-11-9 T Jones
ı			
ı	N-	SEL I MAKE	: 9-4 Cali Collect, 9-2 Three Counties, 5-1 Whitsunday, 10-1 Old Nick, West Tip, Sweet Rascal, 14-1 Border Burg, Fudge Delight, 29-1 Provide, Rodden Brook, 33-1 oth
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ı	l		1969: THREE COUNTIES 12-12-0 Miss K Rippell (6-1) Mrs M Rippell 16 ran

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Cheltenham festival course specialists (since 1986)

3.30 TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (Championship race:

RUNNERS AND RIDERS - SEE LEFT

667,003: 3m 2f) (13 runners)

4.5 RITZ CLUB NATIONAL HUNT HANDICAP CHASE (Listed race:

Long handicep: Missing Man 9-2.

BETTRIC: 5-1 Boraceva, 6-1 Wilstord, Pherosh's Leen, 7-1 City Entertainer, 10-1 Steeple View, Seagram, 12-1 Bigsun, Paddyboro, 16-1 Tartan Takeover, 20-1 Remedy The Malady, Harley, 25-1 Sam Da Vinci, 33-1 others.

1988: DOCTON HOUSE 10-11-0 T Morgan (15-2) J Edwards 16 ran

FORM FOCUS PADDYBORO, three grant from the stays are where over 2m of here, showed he stays are where over 2m of here, showed he stays are when 57 and 67 to Ten 01 Species at Ascot (3m, soft). PHAROAH'S LAEN made most to best STEEPLE VEW (2b better off) 2%1 at Warwick (3m 11, good to soft).

CITY ENTERTAINER races off a 12b higher mark CITY ENTENTAINER recent off a 12b higher mark then when beating Travel Over 12l at Wetherby (3m BANE BYAIR won first time out lest seeson, beating BANE DA VINCI (18 between 0f) 2½ at Market Resen (3m 22, good to sort). BEAGRAIN creditable 161 3m of at the beating Travel Over 121 at Weinerby (3m 100 d, soft).

TARTAM TAKEOVER came with a well-timed run to beat Formula One 41 at Haydock (2m 4t, heavy), beat Formula One 41 at Haydock (2m 4t, heavy), where WILLSFORD (7b worse off) led and STEERLE VIEW all out to beat Field Conquers a nack at Newbury (3m, heavy) with SORACEVA (2b)

4.40 CATHCART CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Listed race: £23,100: 2m 4f) (13 runne 501 11-213 FERODA 1 (0,8) (N McCarthy) A Moore (ire) 8-11-7
502 12-5795 BLUEBERRY KING 51 (BF,F,G,S) (Pel-meil Pathers) A Turnell 7-17-3
G McCount 503 31-1232 BROWN WINDSON 75 (D,BF,F,G,S) (W Shand Kydd) N Henderson 6-11-3
J White 504 02144U QNDFAR 12 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (D Teitner) D Esworth 7-11-3
B Powell 505 2117-13 BAADYNA 46 (CD,F) (F Pather) D Barons 6-11-3
S Earle 506 FP417 MENNAHT TRAN 22 (D,G,S) (M Courtein) Mrs J Pitmen 9-11-3
M Pitmen 507 F8-1131 GENERALLY RIGHT 28 (F,G,S) (M to 10 Nicholson 8-11-0
R Duewoody 508 0205-P2 LOUGH ROAD 12 (M McNemes) Mrs Gill Jones 6-11-0
M Williamson 510 1-PP114 RAVEN VENTURE 19 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Peercy) D Lee 10-11-0
L Wyer 511 2F2222 THE COMMITTEE 1 (S,BF,S) (Corrain Enterprises Ltd) J Scott (fre) 7-11-0
T Moogen 513 151111 HIGMFRITH 29 (Q,S) (H Cevendist) G Richards 7-10-12
N Doughty BETTING: 3-1 Feroda, 9-2 Midright Train, 11-2 Blueborry King, Brown Windsor, 7-1 Ghofar, 1 Western Legend, The Committee, 16-1 Highfrith, 20-1 Multum in Parvo, Generally Right, 25-1 others. 4.40 CATHCART CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Listed race: £23,100: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

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5.15 71st YEAR OF THE COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed race: £19,521: 2m) (22

run	ners)	
801	122131	MILFORD CUAY 13 (D,F,Q,S) (W Jones) M Pipe 7-12-5 (7ex)
602	200353	SAYPAREE 13 (D.Q.S) (E Scath) J J O'Neil 5-11-9 M Dayer 8
603	110-165	WONDER MAN 12 (D,C,S) (Mrs S Robins) Nrs J Pitman 5-11-3 M Pitman 8
604	4-24150	LIADETT 31 ACD F.G.St. (F Parant) M. Pine 5-11-3
805	D-11641	MOODY MAN 5 (D,F,Q,S) (J Burley) P Hobbs 5-11-2 (7ex)
805	22-1131	YORKSHIRE HOLLY 40 (D.G.S) (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-0 & Durawoody 9
607	12012-2	WINDBOUND LASS 182F (D.BF.F.Q.S) (R Severy) R Holder 7-10-9 N Coleman 8
808	2/15/00	AMBASSADOR 5 (V.D.F.S) (Feirland Wholesele Confectioners Ltd) M Pipe 7-10-7 J Lower 8
608	12-214	ON TAP 79 (D,BF,F) (LI-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 6-10-5 L Wyer 8
81D	4-04200	PERSILLANT 33 (CD.F.G.S) (Robinson Publications Limited) N Tinider 5-10-2. M Htm 8
611	210FF1	ROYAL MANE 12 (O,S) (M O'Nell) V Bowens (Ire) 5-10-1 C Bowene S
612	214204	TEBITTO 5 (CD.F.S) (I. H Ames) A Turnet 7-10-0
613	1-02543	SMART PERFORMEN 12 (0,0,5) (A Gomersell) N Tinkler 5-10-0
614	10-0003	METANT TAN 34 (DLS) (J. Povrijon) J. J. O'Nelli 6-10-0
615	1/11-496	TRANSPION 13 (D.F.G.S) (R Devision) A Stringer 8-10-0
616	3-0014F	RUSTIC COMEDY 25 (B.D.RF,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 5-10-0 P Holley (R) 8
617	F80400	DAPPRIG 35 (G.S) (Mrs A James) A James 6-10-0
618	3-15211	RICH NEPHEW 85 (D.F.C.S) (D.McDougail) C Weedon 5-10-0 A Webb 8
618	101-	GREAT ASPECT 290 (D.F.S) (G Roberts) K White 6-10-0 T Well 8
820	21122P	DOC'S COAT 10 (D.F.S) (Beaconsfield Developments) C Wildman 5-10-0 B Wright 7:
621	2/52320	XHAI 19 (B) (Mrs C Derbyl R Simpson 8-10-0
622	00-1644	SURE WILL 86 (D,C,S) (J Hictor) C Allen 5-10-0 J McLaughlin &
9-D.	Long have	Sicase: Tabitto 9-13, Smart Partomer 9-12, Instant Tan 9-10, Timminion 9-10, Rustic Comed 3, Rich Naphew 9-3, Great Aspact-9-1, Doc's Cost 8-12, Xhai 7-13, Sura Will 7-12.
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FORM FOCUS MELFORD QUAY pensive 12 defeat of Island Set at Haydock (2m, heavy) with BAYPAREE earlier good 48 Sht of 27 to Redundant. Pal at Leoperdetown (2m, good to yielding). MOODY MAN 101 winner from Penny Forum at Sandown (2m, good to firm) last time with TEBITTO (10th better off) 5/14 th and AMBASSADOR well-beatin 8th. YORKSHIRTE HOLLY best Andros Prince SI at Wesherby (2m, soft) with INSTANT TAN tailed off in 11th.
ON TAP disappointing when 12l 4th of 9 to Landski Selection: INCODY MAN

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Selections By Mandarin

2.00 Astre Radieux. 2.35 Kharif. 3.10 Rubika.

4.20 Dalkey Sound. 4.55 Leacroft.

5,25 Fallen Hero.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) 5 Hell 12-0 Researd number. Str-Squre form (F - fell. distance winner. BF - beaten favourite in P - pulsed up. U - unseated rider. B - brought littlest race. Going on which horse has won down. S - stipped up. R - refused. (F - firm. good to firm. hard. G - good. S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in since test outlog: F M flat. (B - blinkers. brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and Handicapper's ratiog.

Going: good

2.0 ALLERWASH NOVICES CHASE (92,247: 2m) (15 runners) 148980 HODDAM BRIG S (COLF) (D Scott) D Scott 11-13-12

OS,BOF BAY CHASER 71 (C Reneisco) W Storey 7-11-4

SYD-2FF BORDER OAK 75 (P Reneisco) W Storey 7-11-4

SYD-2FF BORDER OAK 75 (P Reneisco) J Chesters 5-11-4

PO-PAPP CONTACT KELVIN 54 (CD.Q.S) (Mrs AN Asten) N Bycroft 8-11-4

445/044 LIGHTFALL 47 (F Sowden) H Alian 8-11-4

SERGE LIGHTWATER AGAIN 2 (D.S) (Mrs F Raper) C Beaver 8-11-4

STOLEG LINGHAM DUICE 9 (J Sweet) J Swiets 9-11-4

SAG-22 MAJESTIC RING S (LI-Col W Monbillin) P Monbillin 8-11-4 Hr D Scott
..... K Docien
B Storey
.... R Goldstein . A Mariey JO'Gorman Mr N Wilson (7) 8 3348-22 MAJESTIC RING S (LI-Col W Montelin) P Montelin 8-11-4 D Notes
9 F4F/PGI MARLEFIELD 40 (W Wiscon) K Oliver 8-11-4 T Reed
10 T-POOFD SAMTLY PATH 25 (D.5) (Guiderise Lud) K Oliver 7-11-4 T Reed
11 F30524 STANTS FOLLY 12 (John Golding) S Payne 9-11-4 C Heartine
12 F549-0P VERONA CHEEF 34 (S) (Rikes S Blein) B Wilkinson 7-11-4 D Mentin (7)
13 022122 ASTRE RADIELY 5 (S) (T Hemmings) S Mellor 5-11-3 Mr D Gray 0
14 840 (ADY BARNETT 451 (Mrs D Jones) B Ellison 8-10-13 S Turner
15 0-07065 SOUTH CROSS 51 (CD.F) (W Green) G Moore 5-10-9 J Calleghan (5)
18 ETTING: 11-10 Astre Radieux, 5-1 Stan's Folly, 6-1 South Cross, 8-1 Border Cek, 10-1 Lighters
Agein, 12-1 Majestic Ring, 14-1 Lingham Duke, 16-1 Others.
1862: BETTY'S GMR. 9-11-0 N Roche (8-1) O Brannan 6 zen ... D Meetin (7) ----.... Mr D Grey • 19 8 Turner ---1989: BETTY'S GURL 9-11-0 N Roche (6-1) O Brennen 6 ran

2.35 COASTLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360: 2m) (16 runners)

1 20104 RITO THE RED 13 (5) (J Hucke) C Triedine 6-11-9 R Bellewy (5) 82
2 510211 DANRE 22 (0.5/0.5) (R Alam) R Alan 6-11-9 J Calleghau (5) e 86
3 D0-500 BALLYRELL 22 (G Gledeon) J Gledeon 5-11-1 T Reed CT CROSSGLEN 64 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-11-1 C Grant CT CROSSGLEN 64 (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 6-11-1 S Storey 65
6 D0/F FLEET SPECIAL 200F (SP) (P Morseith) P Morseith 5-11-1 D Notes CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 S D Notes CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 K Josee CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 K Josee CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 D D Coedel CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House State CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House State CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House State CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House State CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House State CT OPP-R (SPST'S TOKEN 54 (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House State CT OPP-R (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House State CT OPP-R (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House State CT OPP-R (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House State CT OPP-R (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House State CT OPP-R (N Chemberlain) N Chamberlain 5-11-1 C C House State CT 2.35 COASTLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360: 2m) (16 runners) 1998: CHOCTAW 5-11-9 P A Farrell (7-1) P Beaumont 13 ran

3.10 CHOLLERFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,027: 4m) (15 runners) 1 8-PP242 ARDENET & (0,5) (Value Enterprises) D Wintle 10-11-7
2 468511 RUBBLA 29 (0,5) (T Hermanys) S Meller 7-11-3
3 \$42362 CAPELI CONE 33 (0,5) (T Perrott) Mrs H Parrott 8-11-0
4 PP1172 REVERTS LAD 8 (0) (J Waters) F Welton 9-10-12
5 32432-5 NARANA 19 (0) (P Piller) WA Sempresson 6-10-6
6 P-13222 GREEN TOPS 28 (0,15) (K Herson) M Avison 8-10-6
6 P-13222 GREEN TOPS 28 (0,15) (K Herson) M Avison 8-10-6
8 R12215 THE MALTICEN 27 (V,26 (0,5) (K Young) Mrs R Witserson 7-10-5
9 4N-52P COOL SHEW 26 (0,5) (R Passley) R Passley 12-10-5
10 R2224 LA MUSIKE 8 (F) (E RUSSICK) P Beamont 9-10-2
11 PS-PULT SETTHEWAYYOULARE 10 (0) (M Rogets) R Curtie 7-10-0
12 34U520 MUCHORANCE 6 (Jackson's Marquess) P Beams 9-10-0 R Belleny (5)

B Storey - C Grant ... A Orleney Long handlogs: Justinewsyyconra 9-11, Muchgrange 9-8, Kalm Park 9-6, Panegyrist 9-5, Linden Brig

BETTHIC: 4-1 Publics, 5-1 Coxess Color, 5-1 Green Tops, 8-1 Capell Cone, 10-1 The Metalin, 12-1 Player's Lad, Narana, 14-1 Arcases, Justineway/Journa, 16-1 Cool Brew, Lie Plume, 20-1 Others. 1988: COOL STRUCE 8-12-0 M Hammond (10-11 Sar) & Moore 6 ran

Course specialists TRAINERS

Per cent 38.8 33.3 21.1 18.8 18.8 18.2

3.45 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,744: 2m) (18 runners)

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221412 WOODCHESTER GLEN 62 (D.BF.F.(II) (C McKinney) A Fowler 6-11-10 D Byrms
00 ALWAYS AWAY 37 (A Stadler) C Triction 6-11-0 P Deven
458000 BULISHMO THEES 19 (V) (B Kidd) G Oktroyd 5-11-0 R Garritsy (3)
50- CELTIC BRIEZE 300 (SF) (H Gething) M Naughton 7-11-0 R Supple
0 CHARLEWAM 41 (R Lamb) R Lamb 7-11-0 K Jones
0 CHARLEWAM 41 (R Lamb) R Lamb 7-11-0 A Oktavey
0 P0035 LOTHAN CAPTARN 19 (L1-Cred W Crawford) W Crawford 5-11-0 A Oktavey
0 P0035 LOTHAN CAPTARN 19 (L1-Cred W Crawford) W Crawford 5-11-0 M Mickeney (5)
6-00 MISTER THITTE 80 (Ag) I Strategy G Richards 5-11-0 R Hodge (7)
6-00 STAGE FELL 12 (R Johnson) G Moors 5-11-0 R Hodge (7)
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6-00 STAGE FELL 12 (R Johnson) G Moors 5-11-0 R Supple (8)
0 STRONG CALLIBRIG 8 (Hatthaway Rocfing Ltd) W A Stephenson 5-11-0 S O'Donovana (8)
P6-F000 FILL FOLIA 9 (R Swiens) R Swiens 8-10-9 G Scope (7)
40PPD MELLTOWN LADY 19 (Mrs H Clarkey J Charlton 6-10-9 G Scope (7)
9-0004 RUN PET RUN 23 (J Back) J Back 5-10-9 C Hawkins 6
PORTOWNA (R Marchald) J Johnson 6-10-9 B Daiton (7)
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4.20 FEDERATION BREWERY NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,101: Sm) (10 runners) 1 48U810 INTO THE MYSTIC 8 (CD,F,S) (Mrs D McLeen) B McLeen 8-11-8.
2 F51725 SNOWFRIE CHAP 15 (D,F,S) (J Pickes Ltd) Mrs R Witerton 7-11-8.
3 22EFF4 WALTENGO 15 (CD,F) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 7-11-8.
4 12F12F DALKEY SOUND 12 (F,CS) (G Brown) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-8.
5 P500 CORBITTS MELITARIA 50 (Mrs S Strangewsy) B EBSon 8-11-0.
6 4F253F (KRISTENSON 6 (C,F,G,S) (S Mersh) R Fisher 13-11-0.
7 3F2250 LAKE VALENTINA 8 (D,F,S) (J Swiers) J Swiers 3-11-0.
8 34P MELSONBY 47 (Mrs E ROBORD 1 E ROBORD 8-11-0.
9 \$11/90P PAT WOLLOW 16 (G,S) (Mrs M Novel) G Moore 8-11-0.
8 ESTINDE 7-4 (Leiter Sound 7-2 Scorefic Chep. 5-1 Weitingo, 6-1 Pet Wollow M Roche (7)

G Harker

Mr 8 Swiere

T Reed

J Collegium (5) SETTING: 7-4 Dalksy Sound, 7-2 Snowfire Chap, 5-1 Waltingo, 6-1 Pat Wollow, 8-1 Into The Mystic, 10-1 Lake Valentins, 14-1 Kristenson, 20-1 others.

1989: TARTAN TAKGOVER 7-10-11 Mr P Doyle (9-1) G Richards 8 ran

4.55 FALLOWFIELD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,716: 2m) (18

... P Verling ... D Poole (?) D Byrn

BETTING: 4-1 Musical Mystery, 5-1 Asturies, 5-1 Leacroff, 8-1 Pendley Gold, Pit Pony, 10-1 Lingham Bride, Fleet Footed, 12-1 Izadyar, Arum Lily, 14-1 others.

1989: SAWDUST JACK 5-11-7 C Ryan (5-4 fav) M W Easterby 12 ran

5.25 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,730: 1m 4f) (18 runners) ALWAYS FLAT BROKE (P Liddle) P Liddle 6-11-8.

S CHARTER FAR 6 (S Manning) D Motisti 6-11-8.

FALLEN HERO (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-8.

B KLCORVENO ST (Alies E Seunders) C Triedine 5-11-8.

RANDYBAY (S Taberner) J Macios 5-11-8.

SOME FINGERS (Mrs. J Benson) Miss M Benson 5-11-8.

9 WHAAT FETTLE 6 (Miss L Serverson) G Richards 5-11-8.

PEG'S GEM (P Montelth) P Montelth 5-11-3.

ADD 1 E MACIO: CIU D McCarelli 4-11-0. D Mertin (7)
D J Mertazz (7)
J Dillon (7)
R Salterry (6)
S D Williams (7) PEG'S GEM (P Mondelti) P Montestn 5-11-3

APPLE MAGNC (D McCaskill) D McCaskill 4-11-0

DUTCH SCHULTZ (County Properties Ltd) I Sample 4-11-0

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REDIAN FIGHTER (G Charlesworth) M Naughton 4-11-0

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starring role in a year of reversals

"But you must remember that these people aren't getting paid for this..." How often do arguments about rugby union reach this impasse? Well, every time, actually And it never falls to get to tually. And it never fails to get to

My colleague, John Goodbody, managed to get up the noses of the entire rugby establishment - not the hardest thing in the world to achieve, admittedly - by writing a piece about the standards rugby union sets itself. Union, he said, was the game for the under-achiever. They loved that at

I found a measure of agreement with this in Leeds - no, not at the Rugby League HQ, but from the manager of the England rugby union side, Geoff Cooke. In this extraordinary sporting year, with Mike Tyson on the canvas and the West Indies beaten, perhaps the most surprising thing of all is to find the England rugby union boys playing terrific rugby and going out on to the pitch looking like sportsmen, sportsmen intending to

"That was the first task," Cooke said. "To reverse the flow of defeat, to get things rolling, to build an expectation of victory. It's a question of what they want out of sport. If they want success, and all that goes with it, they must work for it. It is not compulsory. But it is a

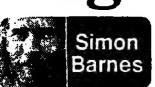
question of commitment.

"I told them the average jogger puts in more time training than you do - and they are amateurs. They get up at seven, they run to work with their clothes in a rucksack, they run at lunchtime, they run in the evenings. They have commitments to jobs and families, just like you.

"I've seen the Leeds swimming squad in the pool at haif-five in the morning, and they go off to school and college and work, and they are back at 10 in the evening, and they do that every day of the week, And they are amateurs, like you. I said, don't come to me talking about pressures and commitments. It's down to what you want, that's all."

Cooke is a burly fellow with a startling mop of white hair. He gives out great waves of ordinariness. It is only a certain clarity of purpose, a clarity of thought, that makes him at all unusual: yet with that quality he has been catalytic in this very unusual sporting reversal: placing the England rugby union side on the threshold of becoming a power in the world game.

"The key thing was a question of attitude. The main innovation is that we have tried to get the players to stop thinking like rugby players. To start thinking of themselves as



"I wanted them to stop thinking of rugby as a bit of fun, something you play once a week and train for on Tuesday and Thursday night before having a few beers. It is great that rugby can provide for all levels. of aspiration. I wouldn't want that

But I told the players, if you want to be successful at international level you can't behave like that. You have to think of yourself like Sebastian Coe or Daley Thomson because, like them, you are at the top of your sport. You are all competing on a world stage. That means your entire lifestyle must be

devoted to your sport. "It's a seven-day-a-week habit. You can't do it on eight pints and fish and chips every training night. This shift of attitude has been the key factor in the improvement of the England team."

There is a story of Rob Andrew the England stand-off half, spend-ing a period playing in Australia. His Australian club could not believe that he did not own a pair of track shoes. Andrew, in turn, could not believe he was expected to possess a pair. All that has

changed.

Cooke works as chief executive of the British Institute of Sports Coaches, an organization he com-pares to the British Medical Association in its twin role as trade union and guardian of professional ethics. The difference is that membership of Cooke's organization is not compulsory.

He took over the England job after the debacle of the 1987 World Cup. "I was fortunate in taking over at a low point," he said. It would have been hard not to improve: but in fact Cooke, along with Roger Uttley, the coach, and John Elliott, a national selector, have brought about something like

For Cooke, the turning point was a tour to Australia made uncomfortably soon after acquiring the job. "The way the southern hemisphere viewed British, and especially English, rugby absolutely infuriated me. They saw an obsession with set-pieces, a team happy to kick down the field and hope to get into a position where we could kick a penalty. That horrified me. Then I thought - it is probably a fair reflection.

We were good at winning setpiece ball, but we didn't know what to do with it when we had won it. We played with two distinct 'donkeys', big and immobile play-ers who would plod from one setpiece to the next. And we had fairly athletic backs who lacked physical presence."

The lessons of this trip were put into action with a dramatic defeat of Australia at Twickenham - a splendid, aggressive and swift-moving game that turned out to be yet another false dawn. "The five nations' championship has a pressurizing effect on players and, with it, we lost what we had gained. We went back to the closed-in, inhibited fear-of-failure approach."

A patchy season, filled with great promise, and a sad comedown in Wales, left England with potential but little real achievement. Perhaps the next great turning point was the Lions' melodramatic come-frombehind victory in Australia: a Lions team full of Englishmen. England have certainly played every game thus far like international athletes expecting victory.

The signs are there that we are beginning to play the right type of rughy. They will take what they believed before were risks: they will put themselves on the line, they will trust their ability. There is a shared sense of responsibility.

"We are now doing in matches what we did in practice - before, you'd watch the game and wonder what the hell we had been practising for. They would go out and react to circumstances, rather than committing themselves to being in control, to being masters of their

None of this is staggeringly new stuff in the philosophy of sport it is just new to see all this applied, with great determination, to an England rugby union side. Saturday's win-ner-takes-all grand slam match against Scotland will measure the extent of this achievment.

"It is true that rugby has lagged behind other sports. Diet, lifestyle, management, managing people as a relationship exercise — these are hardly new things. Few team sports have developed these things to high level, but rugby perhaps least of all.

"Amateurism means not getting paid: it also means bumbling along. I have tried to instil a wholly professional approach to the England side. I think of myself as a professional in that sense."

Most of what Cooke says is unextraordinary enough: he just understands, and has put into practice, the universally accepted common sense of sport. This is an innovation for the England rugby union side: and, in truth, it is rare enough anywhere in sport. "Com-mon sense, yes," Cooke said. "But as Mark Twain said, 'I don't find it all that common.'"



Tale of two halves goes to the Welsh

By Owen Jenkins

South Glamorgan Inst. 26

First-half perseverance and second-half dominance enabled South Glamorgan Institute to defeat West London Institute at the Prince of Wales Stadium,

the Prince of Wales Stadium, Cheltenham, yesterday and qualify for the final of the British Colleges Cup.

West London, with a strong wind in their favour, failed to. score enough points in the first period to create the necessary

A penalty after seven minutes by Appleson, the full back, when the South Giamorgan backs were offside, was followed 10 minutes later with a try by Cathcart who finished off a brilliant break 20 metres out by chambers, the stand-off. Appleson converted and put his side further ahead when the opposition forwards were penalized for barging at a lineout.

But the South Glamorgan forwards were more organized to the first the

towards the end of the first period, which allowed Lloyd, the flanker, to score after John had gone blind from a lineout close to the West London line. Within a few minutes of the restart, West London were effing nine points in a purple patch. Bebb dropped a goal and when West London made a hash of the amack ke centre, pounced on the loose ball and sprinted 50 metres to score with Bebb converting.

outside him as South Glamorgan surged further in front. Bebb converted and kicked another penalty before Lewis got his second when a penalty attempt bounced off an upright straight into his hands.

Brown, the centre, scored on a rare West London attack and Appleson converted to keep them in touch. But the Welsh side maintained its position and secured its place in the final for the second successive year against St Paul's and St Mary's

Price, the other centre, went over in the left corner with men

first cap.

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Sheckel, C Williams.
Referee: J Less (RAF and Gloucester).

Too often, the Scots were slow in support of the ball carrier and, in consequence, were not able to deliver the kind of first ruck ball on which their backs would normally thrive. It was not surprising that they found themselves one point in arrears at the end of the first half. The Scotland Under-21 side achieved what was finally a substantial victory over Combined Services at Murrayfield yesterday, but for much of the game they trailed their opponents. It was only in the last eight minutes, when they seems 14 points. Scots seal it with late burst South West falter

through a penalty by their centre, Graham Shiel, on his third attempt, but Services re-plied with a closs-range try by their card of Jen Versey

Their last three tries, scored in

a five-minute spell, were astonishing and all helped by their flanker, Stuart Reid. He first sent the lock, Doddie

game they trailed their opponents. It was only in the last eight minutes, when they scored 14 points, that they began to play to expected form.

The match, refereed by David Bishop, who will be in charge of the grand slam decider on Saturday, was marred by a strong wind blowing diagonally across the pitch.

In the difficult conditions, it was the Services who adapted

was the Services who adapted better by keeping their play much tighter, although they produced flurries of threatening back play which twice brought them close to scoring in the first

He first sent the lock, Locking the first sent the lock t

Wales bring in Edmunds as cover Alan Edmunds, the Neath wing, has been called into the Wales The call-up of Edmunds, whose try against Penarth on Tuesday night took his season's tally to 40, brings the number of Neath players in the squad to squad as cover for Mike Hall,

who has a hamstring strain. Edmunds will attend today's training session at the National stadium, though if Hall does pull out of next week's wooden spoon clash against Ireland, Steve Ford, of Cardiff, would season on Sunday, against Italy at Moseley (David Hands writes). It will be the second ost certainly step in for his

CONVERTED.

SCORERS: Scotland Under-21: Tries: Alchison, Wair, Dougles, Jackson, Conversion: Dods, Penalty: Shiel. Combined Services: Try Verner.

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The British women's team plays its first international of the season on Sunday, against Italy at Moseley (David Hands writes). It will be the second meeting between the teams

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on their big day By Michael Austin

Sheffield Poly.......15 South West Poly

Guy Gregory and Christopher Saverimutto, expert half backs behind a match-winning pack, ensured that Sheffield lifted the British Polytechnics Cup for the first time, at the expense of the South West, at Sutton Coldfield

The disappointment of losing to Wales in the past two years, in semi-final and final, concentrated the minds of the Sheffield players. They were much better organized, made fewer mistakes and confounded opponents whose impressive list of cup conquests this season comprised Bristol, Wales, South

Bank and Leeds. South West, from Plymouth became frozen images in their first final and showed naivety in possession, especially with the assistance of a brisk diagonal wind in the second half.

Last year, rough play and unruly speciators brought the competition's name into disrepute but sweetness and light were restored, despite a lengthy lecture for Saverimutto, the Sheffield scrum half, and Skrimshire, the South West

punches. Sheffield led by 12 points in vague hint of their initial scoring

vague hint of their unital scoring potential. Gregory landed a conversion and two penalty goals but missed two easier ones. Vanham had scored a runaway try after a 70-yard sprint following a breakdown in South West passing and a swift pick-up by Michael Old, the son of Alan Old, the former Ensland of Alan Old, the former England stand-off half.

The South West had the better of a 13-9 penalty count but little else. Skrimshire excelled at the front of the lineout while Davison ruled the middle for When Gregory landed a third penalty goal, Sheffield led by 15 points and the South West

scored only with the last move of the match when Bryan scramof the themselves bled over the bled over th

Maria III. Bryan Caranasa September September

Success eludes Swansea again

By David Hands

Loughborough Univ 28

Twice Swansea University to. tered on the brink of success at the final of the Universities Athletic Union (UAU) that nament, sponsored by Commercial Union, at Twickenham vesterday; twice they were joined to the holders. Lough borough, whose ability to fide the storm earned them their 23rd UAU title and their sinh has some years. in the last seven years,

It was Swansea's third successive appearance at Twick-enham and each time Lough-borough have foiled them, on borough have foiled them, on this occasion by two goals, a my and three penalty goals, to a goal, a try and two penalties, he some respects Swanses played the more exciting rugby, but their mability to finish and their concession of penalties — for over-enthusiasm rather than anything else — let them down.

Loughborough, far more confident in their overall approach

Loughborough, far more confident in their overall approach than in their inhibited semi-final against Cardiff, could usually rely on Taylor and Hastings gathering up the crumbs and once they found open space, Parion lent them a cutting edge. It was be who made the break for their first two tries and he scored the third; it was a minor classic when the side trailing threw everything into attack only for the ball to go to ground, and Parton had the pace to my and Parton had the pace to run in from 65 metres.

in from 65 metres.

Happily the events after the interval erased the memory of a poor first half, when Lough-borough led 9-6. Frost kicking down the stiff wind, scored three penalties to Powell's two, but there was a lack of cohesion through which the support work of Francis occasionally emerged. of Francis occasionally emerged and Swansea, after conceding and Swansea, after conceding the early scrum and lineous advantage, came back strongly. Swansea started the second half well but Powell was short with a penalty and Ball wide with a dropped goal before Loughborough broke out. Par-ton went close in suscept. ton went close in pursuit of Spiller's chip before the full back broke to give Johnson the try, But Loughborough's under

stant Loughborough's unor-standing between full back and wings in defence was less than total and when Devonald and Hayward combined down the right, Swansca worked the ball back swiftly for Adebayo to tomp over. To Loughborough's credit, their response, with their lead cut to three points, was immediate and Parton skinned immediate and Parton skipped through some indifferent tackling to send in Curric.

Again Swansea were not done and Ball glided on a diagonal run from a midfield scrum to the corner. With five points between the teams Flood appeared to have made a scorne break but Moore could not make the line and it was then that Parton put his final seal on Loughborough's win. SCORERS: Loughborough University Tries: Johnson, Gurrio, Parton, Cemera-sions: Prost (2). Perusities: Prost (3). Swansea University: Tries: Adebty, Ball Correspons: Porosities: Pros-

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Soviets go marching on Cairns, Australia (AFP) - The

Soviet Union won the second match of their Australian tour here on Wednesday night with a 25-10 victory over North Queensland.

The Soviets ran in three tries to one to maintain their unbeaten record after scoring a 22-21 win over Queensland Country in their opening tour

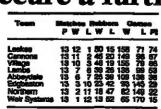
SQUASH RACKETS

Wizards secure a further success

By Colin McQuillan Leekes Welsh Wizards, the cosmopolitan Cardiff squad that has enlivened the sport west of the Severn all season, added the Pimm's Premier League champ-ionship to their achievements

on Tuesday by beating GT Superkings Abbeydale 3-2. They are now mathematically unassailable on games difference, regardless of week's final fixtures. Seven points clear of UTC Cannons and eight ahead of Village Leisure Hotels, Wizards

will still retain a positive games difference advantage of 15 even if the last match against Lambs Club next week goes over-whelmingly against them. It was Lambs who finished Cannons' hopes of a late titlewinning surge by holding them

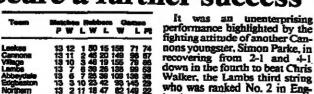


to 3-2 in their London derby match on Tuesday.

preheusively to Danny Meddings, relinquishing the third game in a single hand.

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Cannons, however, sacrificed any real ambition of carrying the race to the final hurdle by selecting Robert Graham, one of the young professional group at the club, to play his first rubber of the season in place of the experienced David Pearson. Graham went down com-

English players ensured with emphatic wins that the national ague title, invented and organized by the English Squash Rackets Association, will reside in Wales for the next 12 months.

land at the start of the season.

With Del Harris and Neil Harvey supporting Parke in the middle order, and Ross Norman

close to toppling Chris Dittmar, the Lambs first string, the

Cannons management must to-day be kicking themselves for

what became a suicidal gesture.

dulged in Cardiff, where Wiz-

ards' Australian, Canadian and

No such heroics were in-

PRIME'S PREMIER SCHASH LEAGUE-Leekes Weish Wizards 3, GT Superidings Abbaydale 2, Alsports Northern 3, Em-basy Edgbaston Priory 2, UTC Cannons 3, Lambs Club 2.

 Hi-Tec, the sports shoe manu facturer, which has turned the £82,000 British Open championship next month into the world's richest mixed tournament, has moved for similar presence on the men's international circuit.

They are to sponsor the new £40.000 European Open at Karlsruhe, West Germany, just three days after the British event concludes at Wembley on April 23.

Craddock goal brings Civil Service success

HOCKEY

By Sydney Friskin

Civil Service. Royal Navy...

Civil Service continued their season's campaign against the Armed Forces with a win over the Royal Navy at Bisham Abbey yesterday, having already beaten the Royal Air Force 5-1 last month. It was a game which became

too one-sided to have much appeal yet Civil Service had to work hard after missing a pen-alty stroke late in the first half. D'Cruz took it, having earned it himself, but the goalkeeper made an easy save. The Navy, happily reprieved, had earlier missed the one

chance they had in the period.

Askins broke away on his own but could find only the side netting from an awkward angle.

The arrival of Williams and

TABLE TENNIS

have a realistic chance of mak-ing his debut against his country of birth in the inaugural World Team Cup, which starts in Osaka on May 17 (Richard

Eaton writes).

Hannon as substitutes in the second half enabled Civil Service to put more pressure on the Navy, who went behind from a short corner in the 55th minute. Craddock scored from a pass by

CIVIL SERVICE: D Burtenshaw (sub: C Allidna); M Yellowless, J Languira, A Craddock, K Hanspal, N D'Cruz, Fi Dogra, J Taylor, G Fretwell (sub: M Harson), E Vickery (sub: H Williams), G Notion. ROYAL NAVY: PO S Enticknep: Lt I Bisson. CPO B Henry, L/Ston R Devey, LWEMP Cooper, LAEM M Ardedh, AEM J Moseley, Wrt I, Watson, Lt S Askinst, Lt M Bennett, CPO D McCres (sub: LAEA S Umpires: S Wildes (Southern Counties

• The Army beat British Police 4-0 at St Albans yesterday, with goals from Boxell (2), Wilkinson Imran Sherwani has denied a

report that he might try for a place in the British squad for the 1992 Barcelona Olympic

Ironic start for Chen Chen Xinhua's chances of playing for England have improved considerably in the past few days, and the former World Cup winner, from China, appears to

The event begins only two days after the Huddersfield-based player becomes eligible for England according to international federation rules, and informal canvassing of national councillors suggests that Chen will win the vote on April 21 to be considered for second out a British passport. be considered for selection with-

SNOOKER

Hendry scares off Foulds

Foulds, after producing a string class. He's very professional, of sparkling breaks to reach the semi-finals of the Credit Lyon-the balls he's the best there's of sparkling breaks to reach the semi-finals of the Credit Lyonsemi-finals of the Creon Lyon-nais European Open in Lyon yesterday, a 5-3 winner.

Foulds, very much improved himself after ending a barren spell that sent him tumbling from third to twentieth in the rankings, said: "It's the first

FOOTBALL PONTENS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Roth-entent v Burnley (7.0); Granaby v West Bronich (7.0).

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LEAGUE CUP: Fourth-round replay: Emley v Morecambe.

VALDHALL LEAGUE: AC Dulca Cape Fourth round: Kingsbury v Wolding. **RUGBY UNION** TOUR MATCH: Middlesex v Tunisia (et Wasps, 7.30). **RUGBY LEAGUE**

UNIVERSITY MATCH: Oxford v Cambridge (at Headingley, 7.45). SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Bremley v Huddersladt, Keighley v Leight; Shoffleid Eagles v Bradford Northern. OTHER SPORT BADMENTON: Yonex All England cham-pionehips (Wembley).

BOWLS: English Indoor championships (Metion Movibray).
HOCKEY: Representative teatones: Civil Service v Array (Bishem Abbey 11.0); British Police v Royal Navy (St Albans, 2.30). 2.30). MOTORCYCLING: Speedway National Leegue: Ipewich v Hackney (7.30).

Stephen Hendry was pro-nounced "the most frightening player in the game" by his vanquished opponent, Neal talent then but now he has real

Hendry underlined this with breaks of 32, 33, 86, 77, 68, 38, 34, 45 and finally 98 in the eighth frame after Foulds, 26-0 up, had missed the black. Foulds, however, wilted only at the last, having won two frames

on the black, one on the pink and all from behind. Foulds is not prepared to join the mounting clamour that Hendry is certain to supplant. Steve Davis as both world No. I and world champion, saying. "Steve has a better safety game but the crunch will come in three or four weeks' time at the' world championship.

RESULTS: Counter-final (England unless-stated): S Hendry (Soot) bt N Foulds, 5-8. Tuesday's late result: S James bt C. Roscoe (Wates), 5-2.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

TENNIS: Men's indoor satellite masters (Telford). SPORT ON TV

BASKETBALL: Screensport 12-1.30pm;
College match: Highlights of the ACC
championshipe: Eurosport 4-6 and 810pm; Highlights of the Korac Cup semifical, the Renched! Cup final, and European Cup.
BOXKNG: Eurosport 12-2pm; WBA junior
light-flyweight best: Brien Mitchelf Jackie Beard.

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Jackie Beard.
CRICKET: SKY ONE 1.30-Spm: West Indias v England: Live coverage of the Second Test: Fitth day's play from Guyans: BBC1 12.15cm-12.45pm; Highlights of the Second Test.
ECUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 3-4pm and Screensport 4-5.30pm; Show jumping: Highlights of the Bercy Show from Paris, EUROSPORT MENU: Eurosport 8.30-3pm.

and 7.30-8.30pm: Highlights of the French Indoor league, Spanish league: Real Madrid v Real Sociedad, and Argentinian leguer Eurospet 10-11pm: World Cup. FORD SIG REPORT: Eurospet 10pm. GCLF: Eurospot 11pm-midnight: High-lights of the Belearic Opes from Spain. Screensport 10pm-midnight: Initial States

PGA: Highlights of the Henda Clearlo from Coral Springs, Florids. ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 10.45pm-lam: National Hockey League. ICE SKATING: Eurosport 10-11sm: Fly-ure station; Highlights of the World champlogating from Hallitex, North Scotta.

MOTORCYCLING: Screensport 8-10am and 8:30-9:30pm; low Speedway: Highlights of the World championships from Assen, The Natherlands. ASSET, The Natherlands.
MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 11-middly, and 2-3pm: Highlighte of the Remain Ger-Phoenia GP from Arizona.
POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONALS (1998)
PROFESSIONALS (1998) Screensport 7-8am,
RACING: BEC† 1.50-3.50pm and
11.55pmpm-12.15am: The Chellechair
festival: 2.15, 2.50 and 3.30 (Total
Cheltenham Gold Cup).
SKING: Eurosport 7-8pm: Crose country
highlights of the World Cup from Holman

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Square Bowline Classic.
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Tradition tampered with as a great asset is devalued

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Georgetown, Guyana

A disturbing trend was accelcrated vesterday when the Georgetown Test match was

Agreement was reached late on Tuesday night, the West Indies board acceding to a request from the England management. A one-day match was then called off, Bourda still being unfit at yesterday's starting time. But a one-day international will be held today if conditions

permit This does not set a precedent, similar arrangements having been made at least twice before, but it does make dangerous assumptions. not least on the prospects of achieving a Test result.

Naturally, the likelihood was stalemate but the fact remains that there have been 18 two-day finishes in Test history. Arbitrarily abandoning cricket matches whenever a positive result seemed improbable would, after all, have put paid to half the games in

England, through the initiative of the team manager, Micky Stewart, argued that the competition of a limited-overs match would be more bene-

MCC fast Taverners to fund to restore old order

From Paul Parker

Buenos Aires In the cocoon of opulence and tranquillity at the Hurlingham Club, MCC, after the bad defeat on Sunday, restored order and regained poise with a commandng win by 143 runs over the cal side. This was collectively the best performance of the tour opener David Briance, gain in imperious form and the bowlers giving nothing away in a disciplined and incisive

spay. On a slow and occasionally wkward pitch, Hurlingham, he had been set to score 214 in Why data even set to score 214 in 3% hours, were hustled out for 70 with over an hour to spare.

Apparently it is the first time that the MCC had been beaten in Atjantian since 1927, when the captain was Sir Pelham er and the touring party included Gubby Allen and J. C.
White, of Somerset, At least we are in good company.

SCORES: MCC 213 for four dec ID Brieves 1981; Hartington 70. MCC wonby 143 nms.

Test delay seems to be inevitable

Wellington — The start of the financial loss on the series against India and the one-day match between New Zealand and Australia at the Basus Reserve today may be delayed until after tea because the confield has been saturated by the month been saturated by the month been saturated by the recent beavy rain (Qamar Luckily for the New Zealand

Cricket Council (NZCC), which has already suffered a heavy

players than the meaningless without a ball bowled and the remnants of a ruined Test, first-ever one-day inter-This, too, is open to dispute, abandoned, with two days as I have never believed that remaining to accommodate the one-day game, with its yet more limited-overs demand for improvised batting and negative bowling provided anything but counterproductive practice.

Graham Gooch, the captain, could see both sides of the argument: "I take the point that Test cricket, even a solitary day of it, concentrates players' minds and makes them perform properly. But in the time remaining it is likely we would have had only one innings. At least a one-day game gives practice to both batsmen and bowlers."

Perhaps the truth of it is that neither side seriously believed it would be possible to play yesterday. If this was the case, the game would have been better served by delaying any abandonment until yesterday and announcing only one limited-overs match. The al-

The Lord's Taverners, the char-ity which celebrates its fortieth anniversary this year, is launch-ing a £250,000 appeal to provide free cricket coaching for school-

boys all over the country. Tim

Rice, the president, said yes-terday they were aiming "at the lowest catchment area of all". The appeal was conceived by Rice, whose cricketing talent does not match his ability as a

lyricist. He has a career batting

average of under seven, which is another reason why he wishes to

help those who simply enjoy playing as well as youths who might not otherwise get the

"Youngsters should realize they do not all have to be Colin

Cowdreys," he said, gesturing at the former England captain who

was also speaking at the launch, "I hope this will encourage

triangular tournament, the rain stopped vesterday afternoon and with the sun out it was

But the groundstaff has a lot

to do to make conditions playable. Earle Cooper, the NZCC spokesman, believes that the possibility of a prompt start is

Uber Cups campaigns, was deepened by these results.

Last year was the best of Smith's career and she should

recover. But Troke, who had bettled hard to get back from 2-9 in the first game to 10-10 and

from 9-11 in the second game to

11-11, against a steady and unexpectedly resilient oppo-nent, was unable to summon the

nerve and the know-how to win

the points that mattered most. Whether now, at the age of 25, she can get back to what she was

after nearly a decade on the circuit, is debatable. "I fought hard and felt good, and I wanted to play, but I mucked it up. I have seen a few mould like to

know some of you would like to write me off, but there's life left

England's other former Com-

monwealth champion. Steve Baddeley, was also beaten, 15-7,

15-7, by Allan Budi Kusuma, of

in me yet," she said.

coaching scheme

England A tamed by a resolute Houghton

THE TIMES THURSDAY MARCH 15 1990

From Richard Streeton

England A failed to achieve their objective on the fourth day of the second international match here yesterday when David Houghton made 202 for Zimnational took place on the babwe to ensure his team avoided the follow-on. Zimbabwe were all out for 403 and scheduled final day, A significant difference, however, is that a replacement Test match England made 10 without loss by the close. was fitted in later in the tour.

The proposals here were processed by Steve Camacho, the secretary of the West Indies board, only after authority had been given by his own president, Clyde Walcott, and the chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board in London, Alan Smith. Camacho explained:

"Financially, this match has by the close. There can be no praise too generous for Houghton as he made the first double-century for Zimbabwe on home soil since independence during his century in the first international, he disciplined his natural attacking instincts in the knowledge that Zimbabwe's fate rested with him.

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Camacho explained: "Financially, this match has been a disaster and, when When Houghton felt able to punish the loose balls — and combined with the two abanthese became more plentiful doned one-day games in than they should have been - he combined with the two abanoff drove, square cut and hooked with fierce power and Trinidad, it has cost us several

certainty.
He shared two important The melancholy record of stands with Paterson and Andy Georgetown reads 16 lost days Flower for the fifth and sixth in 22 Tests, not including the wickets. Grant Flower also 1976 game, which was trans-ferred from here when con-ditions looked impossible on first innings.

hundred thousand US

ditions looked impossible.

most unseemly haste with which the Test was scrapped and two spurious one-day games inserted seemed to me to be tampering with traditions and devaluing cricket's greatest asset.

Many will recall that the Melbourne Test match on England's 1970-71 tour of Australia was abandoned ditions looked impossible. Zimbabwe resumed at 159 for four, still needing 171 to avoid the follow-on. Early on Igglesden, the bowler, and the rest of the England side, were convinced that Blakey had caught Paterson at short leg and also the remainder of the tour, but it will have no bearing on the official one-day series, already won by West Indies.

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rol than Zimbabwe had done.
Paterson rubbed salt in Igglesden's wounds with two leg-side sixes. Stephenson, on his 25th birthday, had Paterson held at forward short leg. Paterson hit two sixes and 14 fours in nearly five here and it was in the state of the paterson with two sixes and 14 fours in the state of the head of the paterson hit two sixes and 14 fours in the state of the head of the paterson in the state of the head of the paterson in the state of the head of the paterson and its was a state of the paterson and its was a state of the paterson and the pa nearly five hours and it was unfortunate that the England

Tennant coaching. I hope that we will reach the minor county areas where great players like Colin Milburn came from."

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Household off drove Afford for a huge six early in the afternoon as Zimbabwe added.

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The intention is that coaching will take place at indoor cricket schools around the country such as at Lord's and Arundel. It is hoped the money will be raised through corporate and individual donations as well as through Lord's Taverners events. The boys—and girls—will be chosen through the National Cricket Association and the English Schools Cricket Association, and will be from the 11-16 age group.

"No other country in the strength of the first hour after hunch. It was as fast a run-rate as there has been in the scries, with the bowlers constantly overspitching. Andy Flower had helped to add 99 in 28 overspitching. Andy Flower had h

group.

"No other country in the Stephenson's next over, caught world has such an organization on the fence at deep square lea. which produces money for youth cricket," Cowdrey said.

[R.J. Baker 227. M.A. America 122, M.G. on the fence at deep square lea. ENGLAND At First Innings 529 for 9 dec (R J Blakey 221, M A Atherion 122, M C J Nicholas 50; M P James 5 for 155). Since 1950, The Lord's Tav-

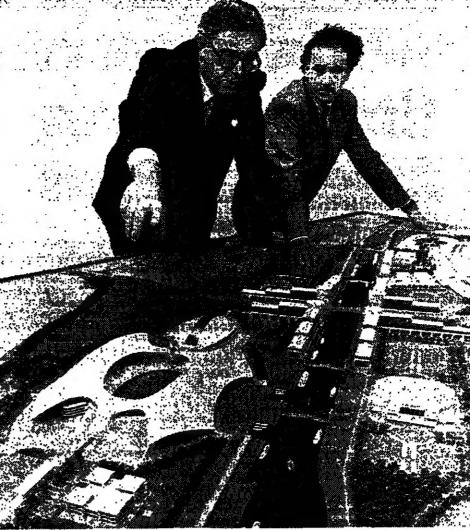
capped youths. This appeal, to be called, "Cricket 2000" was also inspired by the late Sir Gubby Allen, who was an Aford to bet.

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BOWLING: Jarvis 5-3-2-0; Duers 3-1-8-0; Taverners.

A H Shah Rw b M P Bodnell
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C M Robertson b M P Biddnell
A J Pycroft b Pragle
D L Houghton c sub b Stephenson . 2
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G W Flower Rw b M P Biddnell
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A J Tracos b Igglesden
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K G Duers b broiseden

Total 403
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-2, 3-28, 4-52, 5-229, 5-328, 7-384, 8-397, 9-403.
BOWLING: loglescian 34.47-99-2: M P Scienti 32-10-74-4; Atherton 24-10-52-0; Pringle 29-10-77-1; Afford 27-6-58-0; Staphenson 12-4-22-3.



OLYMPIC GAMES

Field of dreams: The bid committee chairman, Bob Scott (left), with a model of the facilities

Manchester's hat in the ring

By John Goodbody
Derby, before visiting proposed venues for the Games, which would cost around £500 million to stage, money that would come from private investment and underwritten by the city council.

A Games centre is planned at Barton Cross, a 1,600-acre site a 15-minute journey from the city centre on the banks of the Manchester Ship Canal. This would house the Olympic village, main press centre, Olympic studium, aquatic centre and Olympic indoor aren, all within a few minutes" travelling distance of one another. Manchester yesterday revealed the details of its hid to stage the Olympic Games in 1926, a hundred years after the staging of the first modern Games. "This is it. This is the hid that

"I his is it. This is the hid that went to the International Olympic Committee [IOC]. This is the hid that has been pasted to the IOC members," said Bob Scott, the chairman of the committee that is seeking to bring the world's largest sports festival to Britain for the first time nince 1948.

The IOC members will vote on September 18 in Tokyo. The rivals to Manchester are Athens, which held the first modern Games, Toronto, Melbourne, Beigrade and Atlanta.

Although Manchester is regarded as an outsider, just as Birmingham was in the hidding for the 1992 Games, won by Barcelona, Scott said that, as in sport, it was important to be "peaking at the right moment. We are making ground with three furlongs to go. Our opponents take us seriously."

It is hoped that about 50 members of the IOC will come to Britain this summer. They will

Britain this summer. They will be able to see such events as the FA Cap final, Healey and the

There is no doubt that new facilities in the region benefit generations to come. Any profit from the Games — and it is estimated that it could be at least £125 million — would be channelled towards the creation of further facilities and the development of British sport.

The bid, which has cost only £2.5 million to assemble, has raised the profile of Manchester, and has the advantage of being promoted by the Princess Royal, the president of the British Olympic Association. She is already highly respected within the IOC, and Scott, who succeeds in being charming without being smooth, has made a good impression. in the infrastructure of the region.

Other sports would be at venses in the North West which already exist or would be built specially and subsequently used for recreational purposes. One of Manchester's greatest problems in the absence of an existing main studium which would add credibility to the bid. Scott admitted that, judged on existing facilities, Manchester's bid got "low marks". He added: "But that is why we want the Games. It is a vision for the future."

One of Manchester's head-aches will come if the 1991 World Student Games, sched-uled to be held in Sheffield, run into any further problems before

Scott said: "If they were cancelled, it would be harmful to us. However, I do not believe they are going to blow up. Things were gloomier a month ago than they are today."

The players can protect their equipment by simply dropping out from the rocky areas at point of entry under penalty of one

FOOTBALL

tance of one another.

The Government is already committed to invest £1.5 billion

Hurricane of goals from Liverpool

By Mark Herbert

Liverpool Poly... Staffordshire Poly ...

Three goals in a six-minute period of the second half carned Liverpool Polytechnic the Bar-clay's BPSA championship at Grove Farm, Nottingham, yes-terday. Both teams had quali-fied from the same regional group, but the result reversed Staffordshire's victory in the qualifying rounds, and gave Liverpool their first champ-

down the Trent turned the game into a defender's nightmare, and Liverpool, with the height of Noble and Richardson, coped better than had their opponents when favoured in the first half. Staffordshire scored five min-utes before half-time when Top-per's long free kick was headed cleanly home by Fearon.

The first 10 minutes of the second half suggested that the lead would be insufficient; Fer-

GYMNASTICS

British No. 1

guson tipped a ferocious 40-yard free-kick by Smart over the bar, then dived athletically to divert Richardson's shot on the turn. But the Staffordshire goal-keeper conceded a bizarre goal

after 61 minutes. He rolled the ball too far in his area and Welsh robbed him, rounded him and shot in from an acute angle. Two minutes later, Scott curled a cross over the Staffordshire defence and Hartley chose his spot before heading in. Reid added a third, making an elusive

run down the left flank then firing in superbly by the far post. LIVERPOOL POLYTECHNIC: R Bythin; S Scott, J Reid, J Welsti, A Noble, S Betss, P Sheerer, D Fichertson (sair: J Marrict), N Smert, A Smith (suir: T Meagran), N Harriev.

Harriey.

STAFFORDSHIRE POLYTECHNIC: D Fer-queon; P Williams, D Edgerton, S Topper, N Massie (sub: S Owen), J Wyse, S Turner, G Fearon, N Kene (sub: G Robinson), J Hensbro, D Carnell.

GOLF

Olazábal's approach one of belt and braces

From a Correspondent Tenerife

José-Maria Olazábal lost two wisdom teeth last week but he has not lost his sense of practicality. He arrived in the Canary Islands yesterday for the defence of his Tenerite Open tirle with a reinforced armoury. Last year Olazábal's clubs took him to a victory that launched him on a season which

launched him on a season which ended with him runner-up in the European money list for the second time in four years.

But, in the process, they were severely mauled by the local terrain, which features outcrops of rock, eacti and bunkers filled with volcanic ash. Two of his features was deep hed to be favourite wedges had to be "hospitalized".

Last week the Spaniard was also under treatment, having impacted teeth removed. "I had to have the operation because I was getting severe he

he said.

Now he has taken the precaution of arming himself with two identical sets of clubs to be sure of starting his campaign for the Masters with a full complement.

"I fly to Miami next Monday to the Post Miami next Monday

to play at Bay Hill and Houston before I go to Augusta," he said. "I must be sure I have all my clubs in good condition." Such precautions are undoubtedly prudent, for this £200,000 tournament has moved further down the Golf Del Sur mountain to the even rockier complex of Amarilla, as a result of squabble between the local government tourist board and the rival golf club owners.

Olazabal summed up every-

Olazzoal summed up everyone's first impressions by
declaring: "It is tougher, tighter
and windier, and the scoring will
be much higher than last year."
As then, the numerous rocky
sections have been designated
lateral water hazards and 36
litres of red paint have been
sprayed around to mark their
boundaries.

British put in strong challenge From Patricia Davies

Tucson

A few years ago, Colin Welland warned the American film in-dustry that the British were coming. Now, at long last, that battlecry could be applied to the distaff side of the professional

golf industry.

There were six bona fide
Britons entered for the Tucson
Open, which starts today at

Laura Davies, of course, is the big cheese, especially here, years ago. She blitzed the oppo-sition with a nine-under-par first round of 63 — a course record that stands.

However, her form fluctuates. Last week, in Las Vegas, she finished in joint 44th place. Yet the week before, she was tied for second, a shot behind the More consistent is Trish

Johnson, who was tied for eleventh last week and thirteenth the week before. Alison Nicholas, Karen Da-vies, Stephanie Lowe and Pam Wright complete the British contingent, although Wright was forced to withdraw at the

last moment through injury. SNOW REPORTS

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Good skiing on upper slopes in lovely sunshine.
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becoming slushy in afternoon.
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mornings. Snow heavy but still skiable in afternoon.
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BADMINTON

England stalwarts fall to Soviet enthusiasm

Barcelona in 1992. However, the feeling that all is far from well with English badminton, generated by disappointing results in the European championships in Norway, the world mixed team championships in Indonesia, and two Thomas and

Pione Smith, a triple Commonwealth Games gold medal win-ner recently, and Helen Troke, England's outstanding singles player of the 1980s, each suf-icred the Wembley defeats of their careers when they were besten by opponents from the Soviet Union in the first round of the Vocan All Evaluations and Soviet Soviet Union in the first round of the Vocan All Evaluations and Soviet Sovie Yonex All England champion-

ships yesterday.
Smith, seeded to reach the quarter-finals, still appears to be without the appetite she has lacked since her Auckland efforts, and faded away as the match went on against Elena Rybkina, the Soviet No. 1, to lose 11-8, 11-5.

Index, who nock a foresight

lose 11-8, 11-5.

Troke, who took a fortnight out of the game to recuperate from the disappointment of losing her Commonwealth title, was besten 12-10, 12-11 by Vada Tehermawskaya, the intelectnown Soviet No. 3, who had had to work her way through three qualifying matches earlier in the week. matches carrier in the week.

The Soviets have certainly aproved more than any other announcement four years ago that bedrainted would make its debut as a fail Olympu: aport in

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Peter Love is poised to win his first senior cap for England in the home nations' junior and senior tournaments at Cardiff this weekend (Craig Lord writes). Love has earned his promotion after a series of impressive displays in the Great Britain and England junior teams. His brother, Scan, will

teams. His brother, Scan, will play for the juniors.

ENGLAND SCUADS: Seniors: J Bisminghem, J Shamman. P Love and R Eastman (all Polyschnic), C Mostey (Nova Genorian). I Mountfield (Royton), S Radwanaid, S Pearson and C Thorley (all Suron and Cheen), A Douglas (Middleton), M Lords (Hannessmith Penguins), M Yatte (Hannessmith Penguins), M Yatte (Royton), Jusions: S Bahar (Maddstone), L Barnes (Chettanham), C Burgeas, S Love, R Lucas and C Hardsey (all Lancaste City), G Fogg (Everion), M Hollengaworth, I Robinson and S Wight (all Kng's School), G Hayward (Polyschmic), I Ross (Paragon), D Wigget (Royton),

ATHLETICS

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SPEED SKATING

An extension of playing time

"The Australians have com-

mitments at home to play in the Sheffield Shield final and the

New Zealanders have to travel for the semi-finals of the Shell Cup next Wednesday," he said.

in an attempt to achieve a result has been ruled out by the chief executive of the NZCC, Graham

BOWLS Sunderland's triples victory is not easy By Gordon Allan

Richard McKie, Jim Lambert the jack had been disturbed and and Gary Smith, of Sunderland, moved back almost to the bank, won the English indoor triples and Allcock, three down, had bray yesterday. In a final that bowl swung marginally first one way

Bent and then the other, they beat On the replay Sunderland Bentham, skipped by Tony Allcock, 23-17.

finished in the ditch with his last Benthem killed the last end.

ionship since 1979.

A blustery wind blowing

For Lambert it was his second and Allcock was unable to success in this event he won in prevent them scoring another 1985 while playing for the four.

Stanley club.

The scores were tied 4-4, 7-7,

II-II, and IS-IS. In between,
each side made small advances,
with nothing in it in terms of
skill. Sunderland, down IS-I7,
struck significantly on the 17th
end. They scored four shots after

selected for

Seattle games Sarah Mercer, the new British champion, will compete in the Goodwill Games at Seattle in July as the only British member of an international team of four

world-class gymnasts (Peter Aykroyd writes). The competition, for both men and women, consists of eight teams of four — seven

teams from the world's leading countries and the eighth the international team. Mercer's team will challenge leading performers from the Soviet Union, Romania, China, Japan, East Germany, Canada and the United States. United States.
The teams and gymnasts have

been selected on the results of the 1989 world championships, in which Mercer finished 23rd.

FOR THE RECORD

EUROPEAN CUP Whiteless CUP: More Plant: Virtue Bologne 79, Real Magne 74, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (MBA): Caveland Caresivers 119, Phitadelphiz 76ers 162, Sandrand Spurs 103, Indiana Pacara 102-Chango Bules 111, New York Knoke 109, Boston Cetters 112, Adanta Hawas 100; Denius Huggers 117, Houston Rockets 114; Phoenia Suris 114, Utan Jazz 106, Portland 75ed States 142, Chando Mago: 117, Sacramanus Kings 121, Manta Heat 87.

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OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Charten 1, Assensi 2; Metuel 0, Totlenham 0; Swinton 4, Spriveth 2; Winoledon 1, Liston 1, BLSS NORTH-WEST CONTRES LEAGUE: First division: Burscopp 1, 0; Warrington 0. ICE HOCKEY

CLUB MATCHER: Chelsprison B. Gibunester 29; Cross Keys 16; Swansas 13; Pentarra 9; Negan 72; Northampson B. RAF 18; Moseley 26; Acerdiary 0.
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SQUASH RACKETS YACHTING

£11,000 nosebag

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marathon at Lianwryd Wells, Powys, on June 9 has a prize of £11,000 on offer if a runner comes in first. Tim Gould, a Peugeot professional, who collected a £5,000 prize last year as the first cyclist 10 win, is expected to line up again.

FRANCE

Cervinia

ANCE: Arcs 85 90 fair heavy slush cloud Very poor visibility. Lower slopes at 1,600 and Peisey Nancrobr becoming particularly slushy and worn. nes 158 245 fair varied slush cloud improving, Best snow behind Aiguille Percee. Vel d'Isère 125 200 fair heavy slush cloud. Very mild with soft snow all day. vinia 140 280 good heavy good cloud Excellent snow above 2,500m though icy in places. Lower slopes wet and heavy closed to village. Ventina great. SWITZERLAND SWITZERLAND Crans Montana 30 235 slush heavy slush Good skiing on a little new snow with firm base on glacier, but poor visibility. All other runs slushy. Gstaad 0 200 tair heavy closed New snow above 2,200m, but mating as it falls. Klosters 15 200 good spring tair Piste skiing still quite good, becoming soft in late Piste skiing still quite good, becoming soft in late morning. Runs to resort starting to become worn. St Moritz 25 70 good heavy slush cloud. Good skiing still to be found on upper slopes. Verbier 5 50 good varied slush rain. Poor visibility but new snow up high. Enjoyable skiing through trees at Savoleyres. Still very warm. Wengen 0 90 fair heavy closed rain. Snowing hard above 1,700m. Visibility poor. No queues. Zermatt 40 185 fair varied slush rain. Higher pistes still good but those in sun are poor. In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, Lirefers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial. SCOTT AND

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cursoot: Hamiliang mild with freezing levels above summits. Glaccoe and Aonach Mor will be cloudy and wer, while Calmgorm, Glenathee and Lecht should stay dry with some bright intervals. Galeforce southwest winds comorrow should gradually moderate on Saturday. Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office. AUSTRIA

Award for Evans Indianapolis (Reuter) - Janet Evans, the triple Olympic swim-ming gold medal-winner, has won the 1989 Sullivan Award as

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This year's man versus horse

60-day

Bath

Rugby Correspondent

John Hall, the former England flanker, who was sent off earlier this month for the second time this season, has been suspended for 60 days by his club, Bath. He has yet to appear before a Somerset disciplinary committee, which meets on Tuesday to consider that punishment is sufficient and whether to take steps against the club, which has had five dismissals this

Whatever that decision may be - Hall had already been banned for 30 days after being sent off against Rosslyn Park in October — Bath are to be congratulated for taking action rather than leaving it to

others. Clive Howard, the Bath secretary, said they had acted "bearing in mind the high profile generated by the club and its desire to protect its standing, particularly in view of the mitter. of the written warning given to players by the club president last November".

The decision endorses the club's "determination not to condone lack of discipline on the field". Hall was sent off by Laurie Prideaux, the former England panel referce, in a Friday evening game against Plymouth Albion for

days, it would leave Hall available to play in the Pilkington Cup final on May 5 assuming, of course, that
 Bath beat Moseley in the
 semi-final on March 24.
 Hall said: "I think it's fair

enough. Obviously, I have been sent off twice, so it's not as if I was not expecting a club

Whip ban for two top jockeys

Richard Dunwoody, Desert Orchid's jockey, and Hywel Davies were both banned from riding for two days (March 23 and 24) for excessive use of the whip in a dramatic finish to the Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham yesterday (Michael Seely writes).

Their sentence was an-nounced three hours after the race, in which Davies had driven Barnbrook Again to a half-length win over after his departure from the club and two days after the dismissal of Ian Evans, followert Orchid's handler, David Elsworth, and was repeating last year's win in the

Both jockeys are to consult their solicitors before deciding whether to lodge an appeal. Davies said later: "Without a few back-handers, Barnbrook Again might not have won. Don't forget I have a responsibility to the owners and to the betting public to do my best on the borse."

Hall has Sheffield auction ban from threat deepens take-over fears

want the air clearing and we

want that done quickly," he

said. "So much has happened

over the past week or so and

very little of it would appear to

auction because the damage to

our image would be immense.

Hashimi is as watertight as we

have been led to believe, then

"If the deal with Mr

prompt several of the club's Hashimi's "accepted" bid directors to seek a meeting

from a business trip to India to the board. discover mounting opposition to his plans to sell a controlline interest in the South Yorkshire club to Wisam Kadhim al-Hashimi.

Eleven days ago, Hashimi, an Iraqi-born, London-based businessman, was revealed as lic image the public face behind a "I sha consortium of Middle East backers which had agreed in principle to purchase 51 per cent of Brealey's 63 per cent equity for about £5.2 million. Hashimi and Brealey declared the deal to be "watertight" but two more prospective buyers have emerged to declare an interest.

Paul Woolhouse, a director of the club, who runs a metal business in Sheffield, an-nounced at the weekend that he had sufficient local backing to launch a counter bid, and earlier in the week, a third consortium, led by Keith Haslam, the son of Harry Haslam, the former United manager, declared that it, too, was preparing an offer.

The fact that Woolhouse

The fear that the proposed sale pay an estimated £6.2 million quickly, we could have any of Sheffield United may turn for Brealey's shareholding — number of people coming in into an unseemly auction will £1 million more than with bids."

Dooley believes that his club's attempt to win promoand that Haslam and his with Reg Brealey, the chair- fellow investors may be tion to the first division this tempted to offer more, is season could ultimately be Brealey will return home causing consternation within undermined by the continuing unrest at boardroom level.

Derek Dooley, the manag-ing director of the club, who in the street by our supporters opposes the Hashimi deal. and asked what exactly is admitted yesterday that he was becoming worried about the possible effects of the going on," he said. People are worried that all this un-certainty could eventually rub uncertainty on United's puboff on the players. I can fully understand their concern." "I shall be seeking a meeting with Mr Brealey when he returns home because we all Hashimi's proposed take-

THE STIMES

over is not only causing unrest in the city of Sheffield itself but also in Saudi Arabia. Lawyers acting for Sheikh Abdul Momenah have indicated that they are preparing to take legal action against Hashimi for allegedly allowing be in the best interests of Sheffield United Football the sheikh's name to be asso-Club. I do not want to see this ciated with his attempted club involved in some kind of purchase of United We are considering suing

him for damages," Dr Jamal Nasir, the sheikh's legal adviser, said. "The sheikh has no knowledge of this matter at all all other offers should by now and he has no interest in have been dismissed, but that becoming involved with any and he has no interest in has not happened and I have English football club."
to ask, why not? Since Mr Hashimi has denied that he

Hashimi made his bid we had ever implied that have already had two other Momenah was involved with The fact that Woolhouse groups expressing an interest; his consortium's attempts to has indicated a readiness to if things are not finalized seize control at Bramall Lane.

Cascarino's path is clear By Dennis Shaw

Luton Town chairman, who

left the club five years ago, has

Zenith Data Systems Cup final clash with Middles-

A meeting between Tony Cascarino, the forward, and monthly over the term of the his Millwall chairman, Reg contract negotiated in the Burr, has cleared the way for the Republic of Ireland inter-that contract will not now be national to sign for Aston completed, the balance of the Villa today for £1.5 million. signing-on fee is to be paid to

The only big obstacle ber- him, ring Villa's record signing Cas being completed was removed when Millwall agreed to pay Cascarino the balance of his signing-on fee from when he moved to The Den from Gillingham in June 1987.

Yorath ready to return as Swansea manager

Terry Yorath is expected to be meeting with Sharpe. named manager of the third Denis Mortimer, the former division club, Swansea City, this morning, just 12 months ing a disappointing run of

results (Ian Ross writes). Yorath, the part-time manager of Wales who was dis-missed by Bradford City, of the second division, last week, met Doug Sharpe, the Swan-

sea chairman, yesterday. His interest in the post was underlined when he cancelled a trip to Frankfurt to help arrange Wales's European championship qualifying fixture list in preference for a

"If he signs, it will not simply be a case of his having This has been being paid 10 games to help us win the npionship," Graham Taylor, the Villa manager, said. "If we are to get this club

signing-on fee is to be paid to back on a consistent level, other clubs have got to look at Cascarino now has us every season and say: Yes, couple of minor contractual they've got a chance'. That is clauses" to sort out with Villa the whole purpose of players before signing in time to face coming here." Leeds United, the second the Baseball Ground on

division leaders, may wait until the end of the season to make a definite move for Tony Coton, the £1 million-rated Watford goalkeeper.

The Yorkshire club say they have made no bid for Coton, and that their manager, Howard Wilkinson, was only at Watford on Tuesday to watch West Ham, their opponents on Saturday, in action.

The move of Gary Stevens. the former England defends their League game against to Portsmouth was in the Manchester City on March 24 balance last night after to March 21, because of their complications with his

He was due to join the brough at Wembley 24 hours second division club from Tottenham Hotspur for • Birmingham City have re- £250,000 following a twomoved the perimeter fencing month loan period at Fratton in front of the Spion Kop Park, but will now have to section of their St Andrew's wait until today before the ground after talks with the problems can be sorted out club's safety advisers and the deal completed.

Taylor sees new Villa built with civic pride

Graham Taylor's motivating talk of a national soccer forces as he strives to restore stadium being planned in the Aston Villa to a place among the European greats (Dennis Shaw writes). The Villa manager takes pride in the progress awareness at a family club ager takes pride in the progress awareness at a family club of Birmingham as a city of the which strengthens its ties with future.

"You only have to look season, is running in tandem around what is going on to with his club ambitions.
realize that there is a new "A city with so much a realize that there is a new pride growing in simply being on needs a successful football Birmingham," he said. "In club," he said. "At Villa I feel just one area of the city centre we have the responsibility to there is the Repertory Theatre, the Sadlers Wells Ballet, the new convention centre, the new indoor arena, modern squad at the start of each hotels and shopping malls season which can finish in the

"Already here is the Nat- regular basis."

The link between a big foot-ball club's success and a city's pride has become one of motorway links. Now we have

the local community by the

top six and win honours on a

Merle scrapes in first after her long lay-off

Klovsjo, Sweden (Reuter) — fifth place finish in Stranda, Carole Merle, of France, survived a sensational challenge from Julie Lunde Hansen, of Norway, aged 17, to win a commen's ciant slalom and her signt slalom in Meribel last month, and the giant slalom in women's giant slalom and her and the giant slalom in fourth consecutive World Cup Stranda, said: "It was a great event yesterday. Merle re- surprise to win four races in a turned to competition in row after all my injury January after a four-month problems." lay-off because of a knee operation.

Hansen was tenth after the first leg but was by far the fastest in the second leg to cut points for her ninth place Merle's comfortable-looking lead to 0.35sec. Her total time of 2min 13.39sec compared to Merle's 2:13:04, with Mateja Svet, of Yugoslavia, third in

"I like to ski on hard surfaces, on a technically difficult piste," Hansen said. Her only previous World Cup races were two giant slaloms for a tenth place in Maribor, Yugoslavia, in January, and a

steriods, the body-building drugs, according to Sir John Wheeler, its chairman. In the battle for the women's overall World Cup, the North East Fife, who has

points for her minim place results. 1: C Made (F), 2 min 13.04 sec; 2. J Lunde Hensen (Nor), 2.13.29; 3, M Svet (Yug), 2.13.71; 4, V Schmelder (Switz), 2.13.75; 5, F Vsrnik (Yug), 2.14.15; 7. A Wachter (Austrial, 2.14.17; 8, D Roffe (US), 2.14.21; 9, P Kronberger (Austria), 2.14.55; 10, M Walliser (Switz), 2.14.57; 11, A Selvenmoser (Austria), 2.14.46; 12, Y Nowen (Swe), 2.14.96; 13, S Wolf (Austria), 2.15.42; 14, K Andersson (Swe), 2.16.62; 15, S Eder (Austria), 2.16.44; (A WORLD CUP: Owenet I., Kronberger, 326 pts; 2, Wechter, 234.3, M Gerg (WG), 250; 4, Welliser, 216; 5, Morte, 177; 6, Schneider, 173. Glant stalean (fins) positions; 1; Wachter, 1330ts; 2, Swet (Yug), 59; 3, Kronberger, 85; 4, Roffe, 82; 5, Schneider, 68; 6, Walliser (Switz), 55.

Phoenix wins Orlando (AP) - Super Bowl XXVII, in January 1993, will be played in Phoenix, Arizona, it was decided yesterday. National Football League owners also approved plans to reduce the length of



British players go into orbit for the satellite honours

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent

Danny Sapsford and Mark what the future held for him. Chris Pridham, the experi-Petchey yesterday at Telford kept alive the prospect of an all-British final in the LTA Satellite Circuit Masters, sponsored by Serve and Volley magazine. Petchey had a 7-5, 7-6 win over the tough American, Brian Garrow, and the diminutive Sapsford beat Sven Salumaa, another American, in three sets,

Ranked 393 before he started the satellite three weeks ago, unseeded Sapsford was particularly pleased with his victory. After being knocked out early in the first three events of the four-week \$50,000 satellite, at the age of for the third, which he won 6-20, he was starting to wonder 4, to earn a semi-final against

"I have been playing tour-naments for 10 weeks now and "Maybe half I suppose I was beginning to get a little tired," Sapsford, the British No. 8, said. "But it's happened before that when everything seems to be going badly and I'm getting de-pressed about it, I start to win a few matches. It's amazing how quickly your confidence comes back then."

With the first set in his pocket 6-2 and a 4-3 lead in the second, Sapsford could have made life easier. But, having lost the second set 7-5, he collected himself in time

"Maybe half a year ago I might not have picked myself up, but I'm trying to improve my concentration and not go walkabout in the middle of games," Sapsford added. Petchey faces an even tougher semi-final, against Christian Caratti, of Italy, the No. 1

RESULTS: Singles: Coarter-linels: C Ceratil (it) bt J Muter (WG), 6-4, 6-4; M Petchey bt B Garrow (US), 7-5, 7-8; C Pridham (Cen) bt D Botha (SA), 6-3, 6-7, 6-1; D Sapsford bt S Salumas (US), 6-2, 5-7, 6-4. Doubles: Semi-finals: B Garrow and S Salumas (US) bt C Karatil (it) and L Harrem (Mex), 6-3, 7-6; C Campbell (US) and M Christensen (Den) bt L Bale (SA) and L Prades (Fr), 7-8, 6-2.

Finish in sight for Lamazou

By Malcolm McKeag

The expected arrival later this afternoon of Tituoan Lamazou and his 60-foot sloop in Les Sables d'Olonne, at the finish of the Globe Challenge single-handed round-the-world race, just 109 days after he set out, serves as a timely reinforcement to the decision of those planning the next Whitbread race to include a class of similar 60footers.

Lamazou has averaged al-most 260 miles each day of the entire 28,000-mile trip, a rate of progress which is embarrassingly comparable to that of the fully-crewed 85ft International Offshore Rule maxis leading the Whitbread

Little could serve better to whet the appetite for the performance which might be extracted by a full crew from an 80ft version of the same thing, as suggested by Lawrie Smith and others for the 1993 fully-crewed race. At 5am yesterday, Lamazou

was just 313 miles from the finish.

Commons

The Home Affairs Committee

of the House of Commons

may find time in the next

session of Parliament to in-

vestigate the use of anabolic

He says so in a letter to

Menzies Campbell, the

Liberal Democrat MP for

failed to get a second reading

of a Private Member's Bill

making it a criminal offence to

possess hormone drugs with-

out a medical prescription.

Newlove called in by Great Britain

drawn from the Great Britain squad to play France at Perpignan on Sunday. He has a leg injury which has refused to Sunday. respond to intensive treatment and his place goes to his club colleague, Paul Newlove, who was left out of the original squad after appearing in all three internationals against New Zealand.

The tenth University match between Oxford and Cambridge at Headingley tonight is again sponsored by Car Care, Cambridge hold a 5-4 lead in the series but Oxford, who were the underdogs last year, pulled off a late victory, carried thanks to a fine solo try by Ian £40,000.

Williams, the Australian The Gr

rugby union international.
Oxford will be captained by Nigel Rippon, who is the son of a former professional player with York and Batley, while Cambridge will be led by an Irishman, Jonathan McQuoid. Ken Sumbuk, a

Oldham have signed Tony Island),

Deryck Fox, the Featherstone Anderson, the Australian util-Rovers half back, has with-ity back from Halifax at a fee of £80,000 and he will play for the Challenge Cup semi-finalists against Runcorn on

The deal was completed at Thrum Hail, where Anderson signed a contract covering the rest of this season and the next two seasons. The fee is £5,000 more than the previous Oldham record, paid for Paul Round from St Helens and Mike Ford from Leigh.

Swinton will have their main stand closed for the visit of Dewsbury on Sunday. Repairs to a storm-damaged roof and gable ends are being carried out at a cost of

The Great Britain Under-19 amateur team to play France in the return international at Lezignan on Saturday shows five changes from that beaten 21-0 in the first match. Brought in are Adrian Halliwell (Wigan St Patrick's), Ian Maher and Darren Pitts wing threequarter in the Ox-ford team, is from Papua New Guinea. (Widnes Tigers), Nick Pinkney (Humberside) and Colin Wassell (Barrow

SPORT IN BRIEF



Turner: Hampshire hitter

Turner retires

Wiltshire. Turner, aged 41,

24 years, scored more than 19,000 first-class runs and

10,000 in limited overs

competitions.

Mo Hussein, aged 27, the former Commonwealth lightweight boxing champion, has withdrawn from his March 20

> Bone removed Werner Günthör, of Switzerland, the world and European shot champion, had an irritating piece of vertebra removed from his back yesterday.

Cash returns

Brisbane (Reuter) - Pat Cash, the former Wimbledon tennis David Turner, the Hampshire champion, has been named in batsman, announced his the Australian team for the retirement from first-class Davis Cup quarter-final cricket yesterday. He is to play against New Zealand from minor counties cricket for March 30 to April 1. The team will be completed by Darren who was with Hampshire for Cahill, John Fitzgerald and Wally Masur.

END COLUMN Fantas world of 2000-1 gamble

MARC ASPLANO

By Graham Rock

Bookmakers have been described as pickpockets wh allow you the luxury of using your own hands, but victory for Desert Orchid in the Total Gold Cup today will cost the £5 million.

About £50 million will have been staked on the three-day Cheltenbam National Ban festival, including £13 miles on the Gold Cup, making it the third largest event in the betting year, behind the Grand National and the Derby.

It is easy to understand who the Grand National heads the list. Wide-open betting and outstanding television coverage of one of the world's most exciting sporting events provide 20 million once a year punters with 10 minutes a pure adrenalin.

Cheltenham is the street meeting in the calendar with three races, the Gold Cup, the Champion Hurdle and the Triumph Hurdle all ranking in the top 10 betting races. The nation's four mi

regular punters combine with the Irish, the Green Welly People and the thousands corporate guests to take on the old enemy, and, as often as not, spend the Friday morning after the festival comp conciliatory letters to the bank managers.

Horse racing accounts for 73 per cent of the 16 billion annual betting turnover; the advent of Satellite Information Services in betting shops has boosted the popularity of grey-hounds to 25 per cent, with two per cent on the remainder, from snooker to astronauts. It is these speciality bein

which attract publicity. Ladbrokes, which accounts for 20 per cent of national turnover, oneered political betting in 1963 when Ron Pollard, its



odds guru, issued prices about the Tory party leadership, following the Profumo scandal and the subsequent resigna-tion of Harold Macmillan.

"We took £14,000 and kept all of it when Alec Douglas-Home, a 16-1 outsider, was elected," Pollard recalled. "After that, we discovered ou customers' appetite to bet on

One of Pollard's perks was to assess the field for the Miss World title. In disguise, per-haps as a janitor or an official, he personally scrutinized contestants before issuing the

odds to an eager public.

A group called Unarius, from El Cajon, California, claimed it communicated with 52 planets and built a special air strip to accommodate ex-tra-terrestrial visitors. In the late Seventies and early Eight-ies, they wagered £30,000 a year at odds of up to 500-1 that aliens would arrive on earth. "They don't put so much on these days," Pollard lamented.

Now in semi-retirement, he realized that his day had come when Sunday Sport ran a stery that Elvis Presley was alive. "We offered 1,000-1, but had to reduce the odds to 250-1 because of popular support. If he walked in here now, it would cost us £2.5 million."

Graham Sharpe, of Hills, has published two books on unusual bets. Among those presently outstanding is David Wright's £50 at 20-1 that his son, Alan, passes 11 O levels, all with A grades.

Christine, from London, has staked £1 at 10,000-1 that the Duchess of York has twins christened Jason and Kylie, and Lindi St Clair has a 250 voucher at the appropriate odds of 2,039-1 that, by the end of year 2039, her two sons will have become MPs.

James Hawkins, of Dover, has £50 at 1,000-1 that he will be alive on his 100th birthday. December 30, 2003. It is to be hoped that he fares better than George Trueson, who phoned up last autumn for odds about the Berlin Wall coming down before the end of last year, and turned down 200-1.

Betting is as old as man. Archaeologists in the Biblical Valley of Elah recently discovered a skeleton at the foot of a . precipice. The fractured bones were consistent with suicide Still grasped by the eroded phalanges - or so the story goes — was an inscribed tablet bearing the legend, "One hun-dred shekels to win, Gollath."

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Only JAL have installed a seat that is a breakthrough in design. Amongst other features it is wider, has special lumbar support and can recline further than before. New Executive Class is available on non-stop flights from the beginning of April.

